

Mr Nixon calls Vice-President to White House as support collapses

President Ford was summoned to the White House yesterday, the day after he made a speech in which he said the erosion of confidence in the American Government had reached crisis proportions. He spoke with Mr Nixon for an hour, and it was stated that the possibility of the president's resignation was not discussed.

More senators call for resignation from office

Patrick Brogan, a Republican Senator, said today that he would support a resolution this year and yesterday sent a letter to the President advising him to resign. He wrote: "After reading the edited tape transcripts, I am writing to ask you to resign your office."

Hostages murdered as police storm jail

Genoa, May 10.—Four people were killed today when the police stormed Alessandria prison north of Genoa, where three convicts had barricaded themselves inside a hospital wing with 16 hostages in an attempt to obtain their freedom.

The dead included three hostages—a woman social worker who had her throat slit, and two prison guards.

One of the three convicts, Domenico Dibona, was also killed. Cesare Conci, the leader in the escape attempt, was critically injured together with the third prisoner, Everaldo Lovrero.

A prison guard was very seriously wounded while about a dozen other hostages suffered superficial or less serious injuries.

"It was a bloodbath", one shaken official said on leaving the prison.

According to one report, the shooting seems to have started when the prisoners were preparing to board a minibus put at their disposal in accordance with their demands.

Mr Short says he did not know of Smith link with builders

By Christopher Sweeney

In a letter to *The Times* today Mr Edward Short, Leader of the House of Commons, says that in 1963 (when he accepted £250 from Mr T. Dan Smith) he did not know there was any connection between Mr Smith and Crudens, the construction company at the centre of dispute involving building contracts.

Mr Short also denies that he acted improperly by intervening in the affair or that he attempted to secure the Newcastle building contract for the company. In the letter Mr Short says that his "extremely limited" intervention was designed solely to help his constituents.

Mr Short points out that the detail of Mr Smith's interests in Crudens "is and was obscure". It was true, however, that Mr Smith declared an

interest in the company in July, 1962, at a meeting of the housing committee, Mr Short continues, although this interest, he was told, then concerned a "small pumping contract that Mr Smith's decorating company held from Crudens."

Because of the denials from Mr Smith, Mr Short says that he did not know of the connection. "I was naturally not present at the meeting of the housing committee in July, 1962, and the minutes of the meeting which record the declaration were not available other than to committee members."

"The fact that Mr Smith was able to deny any interest in Crudens at the July meeting of the Labour group in 1963, a year after the declared interest and five months after the start of the Cleddan contract (between Mr Smith's firm and Crudens), is

surely evidence enough that Mr Smith's close council colleagues were unaware of the position. In these circumstances it is all the more unlikely that I myself could have known of it."

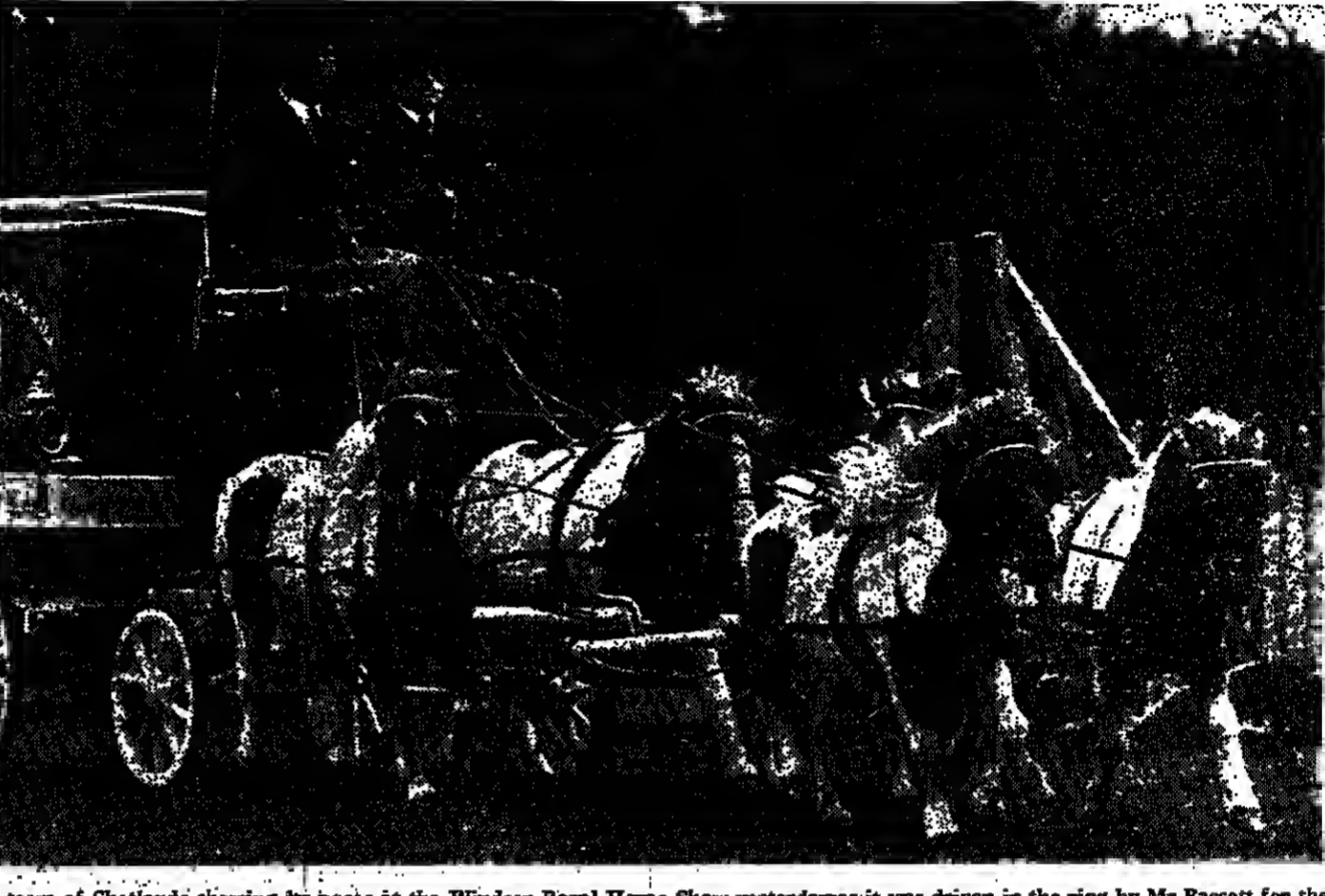
Mr Short says that "allegations" in a leading article in *The Times* on May 7 were untrue. "In this you allege that I used my best endeavours on behalf of the Crudens contract on at least three separate occasions, two of them when I was acting specifically as a member of Parliament, without disclosing that I had accepted an offer of money from a public relations firm although I may have known that the firm, or its principal, was acting for Crudens. This is not true."

Mr Short says that his Commons question in June, 1963, to Sir Keith Joseph, the

Housing Minister, about the Crudens contract was designed to help the ministry or put pressure on the ministry to reverse its decision not to give loan sanction to the project. "A simple reading of *Parliamentary Debates* would confirm that in fact I told the minister that he might have been right in refusing loan sanction to the scheme on planning grounds."

Mr Short adds that the three instances when he acted in relation to the contract were not attempts to help Crudens. "At no point did I myself give any opinion on the merits of the Crudens tender." The letter also denies that there was any evidence to suggest that the contract had been improperly awarded to the company in the first place.

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A team of Shetlands showing its paces at the Windsor Royal Horse Show yesterday as it was driven in the ring by Mr Bassett for the Trade and Agricultural Light Turnout. The team was entered by Automobile Consultants, of Banstead, Surrey.

Two top IRA men captured in flat in fashionable Belfast suburb

From Robert Risk, Belfast

An attractive £50,000 house surrounded by rose gardens and well tended lawns in the most fashionable, middle-class area of Belfast turned out yesterday to have contained the Provisional IRA's tactical headquarters in the city. In a raid on the house shortly after lunchtime, the police and the Army not only uncovered a wealth of maps, plans and documents, but also found the most senior IRA officer in Belfast, dressed as befitted a man in such opulent circumstances in a smart new, pinstriped three-piece suit.

both from Dummurry police station, were at a cross roads last night when three men carrying guns stepped from a parked car.

Two of the men walked up to the policemen and opened fire with a sub-machinegun and a pistol. As the constables fell to the pavement, only a few yards from a local cinema, the men ran to the car and drove off. The vehicle was seen travelling towards the Roman Catholic Andersonstown housing estate but crashed. The men made off on foot.

The Army had apparently received information during the morning that Mr Brendan Hughes, the IRA's Belfast brigade commander, was living in a downcast flat at the house, in Myrtlefield Park, with Mr Denis Loughlan, another senior Provisional officer. The two

London rail call for 'miners' rise

By Michael Bailly

Drivers and guards on London's rail commuter service may get pay rises of 20 to 30 per cent to halt the decline in services caused by staff shortages.

Mr Robert Reid, chairman of the Southern Region, called yesterday for a "miners-style" pay deal to attract and retain 4,000 men needed to restore south London commuter services to their proper level.

Closed shop may stay despite law, judge admits

The fight by Mr Joseph Langston, a district judge, to get back his job at Chrysler's received a setback at the National Industrial Relations Court yesterday.

Sir John Donaldson, a court's president, said he understood Mr Langston's feelings about reengagement. He added: "The plain fact is that no industrial tribunal could possibly, in the general climate which exists, recommend that Chrysler, as good employers, ought to take you back."

Mr Langston would no doubt say that such a recommendation ought to be made "to uphold the principle of the law". But industrial tribunals do not make orders to uphold principles. They make orders to try to produce good industrial relations, and if you were to go back to Chrysler it could only improve industrial relations.

Two-thirds rise in night electricity

Michael Horne

Night rate electricity charges rise by two thirds, Mr Eddie Eadie, Under-Secretary of State for the Department of Energy, said yesterday in a special white paper, which consumers storage radiators pay will be about 0.3p a unit and follows Healey's announcement in March budget of a price increase in electricity.

The rise is being applied only to the off-peak rate and is standard rate, so that proportionately the cheaper tariff is most affected.

Although the rate will vary according to the regional boards, the cost of each unit will rise from 0.45p to 0.75p. The standard rate is going up from 0.13p to 0.30p per cent increase.

The accountants' written reply Eadie said: "The percentage increase in the bills of most consumers, however, will be substantially smaller than this because of their night rates." Although the rise had been expected it drew an angry response from Consumers Association.

Five Dutch missionaries say Portuguese security forces got rid of murdered blacks in mass graves

New Mozambique massacre reported

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

An account of terrorism and massacres in recent months in Mozambique has come to *The Times* from five Dutch missionaries working at the Sacred Hearts Congregation at Bevil, in the Netherlands. The five men were working at the mission centre of Inhambane in Mozambique until March this year, when they decided their mission could no longer do its work usefully.

The account is in the form of a memorandum dated May 4, compiled from a diary of the most important events between August, 1972, and March, 1974. It is signed by the five authors, Father A. P. J. Martins; Father Antonio Verasdonk; Father J. M. van Rijen; Andre van Kampen; and Jose Dielemans, a lay mission helper. All five declare emphatically that the facts have been truthfully recorded.

They also say that the names of still surviving Africans have been replaced by fictitious names. The true names have been written down and the list is held among the archives of the Sacred Hearts Congregation.

Minor Frelimo attacks were followed then by further maltreatment of the African population by the security forces and during August and September the missionaries received reports of increased training by Frelimo, whose influence grew. By the end of the year attacks on trains had thrown the white population into panic.

By January the security forces of Director General Segura had taken up residence at Inhambane. Interrogations included the use of electric shocks on the more sensitive parts of the victims' bodies, some of whom were children.

On January 23, after a Frelimo attack on the barracks at Inhambane, two African workmen passing early next morning were shot and their bodies left as a warning. The mission was searched thoroughly without any results. The missionaries were then confined to the village.

Throughout February Frelimo attacks and increasingly brutal reprisals continued. On February 18 the security forces at Inhambane wished to get rid of some of their prisoners. Thirty-five Africans were taken by lorry by the Army on the road running behind Inhambane hospital in the direction of Thombo la Mphale and Masanzila. A bulldozer cut through the forest in the same direction, and dug a huge pit in which the Africans were shot and buried. On February 20 a further 30 Africans were shot and buried there, and on February 23 48 more.

Karpov shatters Spassky's hope of regaining title

Moscow, May 10.—Boris Spassky, the former world chess champion, will not be meeting Bobby Fischer next year in an attempt to regain his title.

He was defeated tonight in the semi-final of the challenger's tournament by Anatoly Karpov who won the eleventh game and the match by four games to one.

Karpov, aged 22, will now meet his fellow Russian Viktor Korchnoi in the final. These were the moves in today's game with Karpov playing white:

Poll puts Labour 10 pc ahead

Labour has a 10 per cent lead over the Conservatives, according to an Opinion Research Centre poll published yesterday in the *London Evening Standard*.

The survey of voting intentions, conducted between April 30 and last Sunday, says (with last month's figures in brackets) that 45 per cent of the electorate intends to vote Labour (42 per cent), 35 per cent Conservative (35 per cent), 16 per cent Liberal (18 per cent), 3 per cent for the nationalistic parties (3 per cent), and 1 per cent for others (1 per cent).

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HOME NEWS

'Minister of poverty' may be appointed to coordinate action

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Prime Minister yesterday agreed to consider forming an inter-ministerial group to coordinate action against poverty in Britain and the developing countries...

Maudling lawyers scrutinize new book

By a Staff Reporter Lawyers acting for Mr Maudling, the former Home Secretary, were instructed yesterday to decide whether a book which deals with his association with the Real Estate Fund of America defames him...



The Rev Leslie Facey, a Methodist minister at Shaw, near Oldham, Lancashire, holding one of the Oriental relics collected during missionary service in China and now on display at his house, which he has opened to the public.

Mr Wilson compared to 'cheap huckster'

By Our Political Staff Mr St John-Stevens, shadow minister for the arts, yesterday accused Mr Wilson of "descending to an invective and innuendo worthy of a cheap huckster..."

Plan to set up MPs' interests list by summer

By Our Political Staff Although the Government has its own proposals for a compulsory register of MPs' outside financial interests, senior ministers recognize that there are grounds for genuine differences of view about the scope of the register...

Mr Short and left wing in dispute on Queen's freedom of choice

By George Clark Political Correspondent The theory of Labour's left wing that, in the event of a Government defeat on a confidence motion, the Queen could take an initiative to form a coalition government is not ruled out by Mr Short, Leader of the House...

In brief

Authors' lendin right Bill fails

The Public Lending Right, a private member's Bill which would have allowed authors to receive payments on film borrowings, failed to receive a second reading in the Commons yesterday...

Second homes protest

A motion was tabled yesterday in the Commons by Liberal MP Kenneth Baker, concerning the refusal of the Secretary of State for the Environment to take action to secure the identification of second homes in areas where the growth of second homes is reducing the amount of housing available...

Kodak slowdown

Processing of colour prints by Kodak at Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, may be slowed by a work to rule by 300 technicians which started yesterday after talks on recognition broke down between the unions and the plant...

Journalists strike

Nearly 100 journalists, including the Editor of the Telegraph at Kettering, Northamptonshire, struck yesterday and picketed their offices...

£35,000 arts grant

The Arts Council is to receive £35,000 from the National Endowment for Democracy, a company, in its first year, which is a grant of £50,000 received from the previous company in its first year...

Cat may have operat

Arthur, the television cat who was recovered on Thursday, being stolen three weeks ago from his cattery at Lamb End, Essex, may have to be operated on again for his teeth...

Farm man killed

Mr David Jackson, 49, was killed yesterday when a short circuit occurred in an electrically operated water pump on a farm at Upware, Cambs...

Hyde Park pop

Open-air pop concert at Hyde Park, London, which was cancelled last year after a ban on earlier pop festivals, will probably be allowed again this summer...

Football guide

Partick Thistle and QPR are the two teams which are as much of our heritage as Bradford City and Luton Town...

Union 'would support striking nurses'

Mr Bill Griffiths, Midlands divisional officer of the 450,000-member National Union of Public Employees union told a nurses' meeting in Leeds yesterday that if the nurses decided to go on strike he would support them wholeheartedly...

More internees may be released

Mr Gerard Fitt, Deputy Chief Executive and the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, is believed to have emphasized the importance his group attaches to the continuing release of internees, which was one of the provisions of the Sunningdale agreement...

'Incompetent assassins' are jailed

A widow and her daughter-in-law plotted her husband's murder by poison, drugs, electric shock and starvation, it was alleged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday. But all their bizarre plans, hatched against a background of 'degrading and disgusting sexual abuse', failed and the husband survived...

Weather forecast and recordings

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Shaded area an advancing cold)

Study of arts by minister

An examination of how the organization and administration of the arts can be made more democratic has been made by Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister responsible for the arts...

Belfast arrests: IRA documents found

The flat in Myrtlefield Park was raided on Thursday evening, it appears, in a case which is being treated as a Belfast...

Film 'hot line'

A telephone 'hot line' is to be manned each evening by six clergymen at Reading for people distressed after seeing the film 'The Exorcist' when it opens in the town...

Land of missed opportunity

When Nottingham Corporation rejected an offer of just over an acre of land in Tennis Ground, near the city centre, for £25,000 it was thought by some that the land was a housing site for £60,000...

Chain urged

Mr Lord, aged 58, of Brunswick Drive, Hereford, and Mrs Margaret Lacey, aged 31, of Charles Wray Avenue, Hereford, were each sentenced to seven years imprisonment...

Weather forecast and recordings

Today Sun rises: 5.16 am Sun sets: 8.39 pm Moon rises: 12.36 am Moon sets: 9.8 am

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HOME NEWS

Probation officers to withhold social inquiry reports from courts until guilt is established

From Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent Weymouth Probation officers voted yesterday to withhold social inquiry reports about persons appearing before courts until after guilt has been established.

they also had social inquiry reports, it would help to balance matters. Missings about proposals for dealing with young adult offenders have produced an emergency resolution to be debated today at the conference.

Single systems of penal establishments. The sentence would be indefinite, presumably with fixed minimum and maximum periods. At any time during the period of sentence it would be possible for a prisoner to be released to "control under licence".

Shipping Bill will end some Navy crimes

By Paul Routledge Labour Correspondent The Government has conceded part of the trade union case for abolishing criminal offences which can be committed by seamen in the Merchant Navy.

Hungry child tried to eat rabbits' cabbage leaves

From Our Correspondent Nottingham Denise Wilson, aged three, was so hungry that she tried to eat old cabbage leaves that had been put outside for pet rabbits.

so people were alive to what was happening. Mr Dineen said that on occasions the girl was shut outside at night and then slaps. She was a dehydrated child once in a neighbour's home she drank three pints of water.

Patients set up centre for cure of stammering

By John Roper Medical Reporter A derelict store room in the grounds of an Oxford hospital, converted by patients into a treatment centre for stammering adults, is to be formally opened today.

Head of records firm cleared of corruption

Edward Kassner, head of President Records, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of corruption in the BBC record book.

Inflation threatens litigation solicitors with ruin in year, meeting told

From Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent Bath Solicitors in private practice handling civil litigation were in danger of ruin within a year because of inflation.

ruin within a year if inflation proceeds at its present rate. Mr Gordon pointed to privileges of trade unions and said: "Why cannot we be allowed to negotiate over our wages in the field of civil litigation?"

Safety drive to protect farm children

Agriculture is the one industry in which it is virtually impossible to keep children off the "factory floor", especially on the small family farm.

Chain of battery stations urged for electric cars

By Michael Bailly Transport Correspondent Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, author of Traffic in Towns, yesterday called for a nationwide chain of battery stations to enable battery-driven cars and buses to become a "significant part of the vehicle population".

Woman sterilized by Nazis took away baby

From Our Correspondent Reading A German-born woman who was said to have been sterilized by the Nazis during the last war for helping prisoners, took a baby from a midwife's hair-dresser's shop on impulse, it was stated at Reading Crown Court, Berkshire, yesterday.

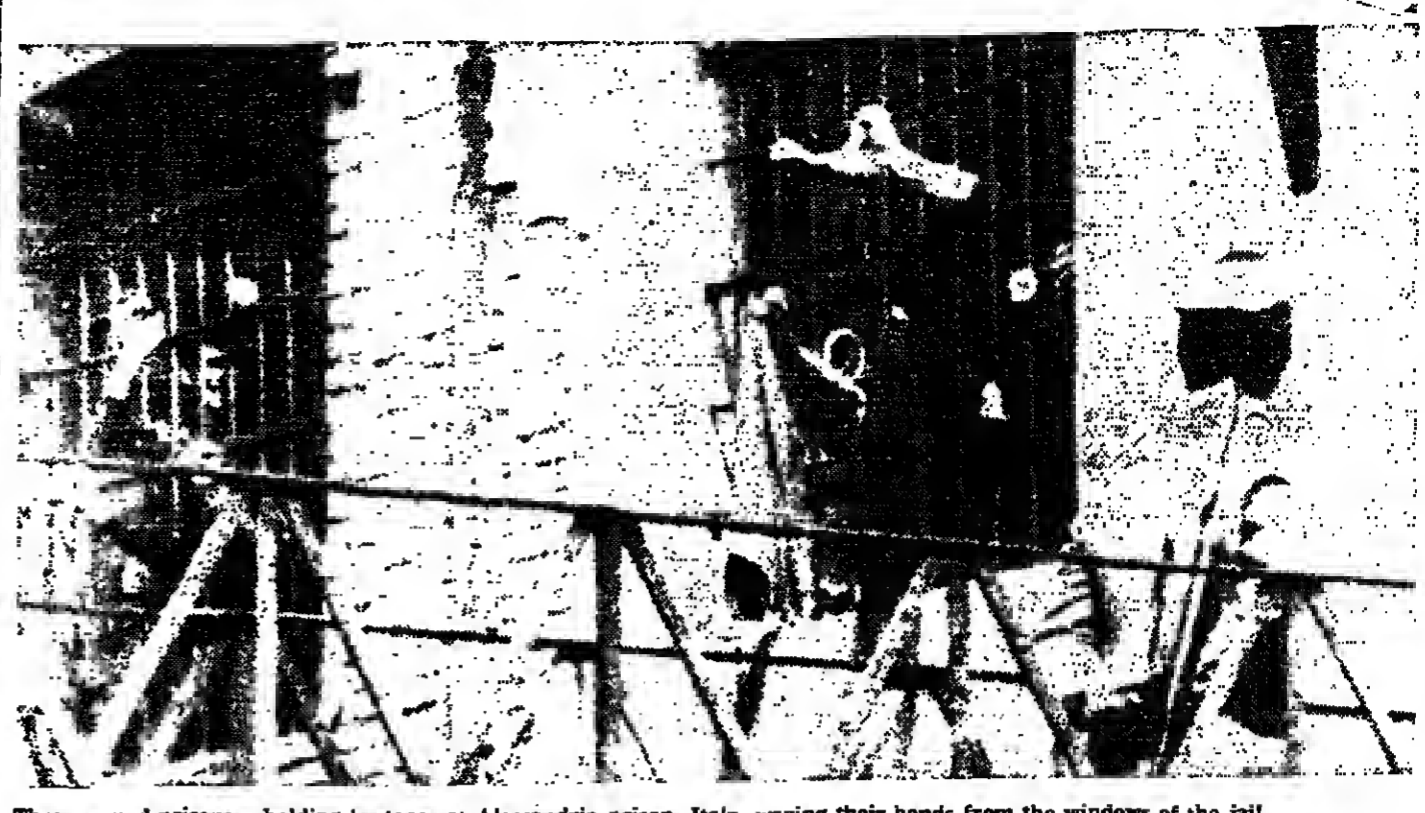
Oxford students' union owes pay

Oxford University students' union has debts of £1,500, including an overdraft of £150. The salary of its one full-time officer, the president, has not been paid for two weeks.

American girl 'knew nothing of guns'

Allison Thompson, aged 18, the American girl in the Heathrow airport guns plot trial, told a jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that before she left Los Angeles last Christmas she was promised: "You are going to have a New Year like you have never had it before."

WEST EUROPE



Three armed prisoners holding hostages at Alessandria prison, Italy, waving their hands from the windows of the jail.

M Mitterrand tipped by opinion poll before television debate

From Richard Wigg Paris, May 10 M François Mitterrand, the left's candidate in the French presidential election, went into a debating duel with M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing on television tonight favoured by the latest public opinion poll which said he would obtain 51 per cent of the votes polled.

Since almost four million votes went to M Cheban-Delmas on the first ballot, the reluctance of the young Gaullists to follow their elders and climb on to the Giscard bandwagon is of great significance.

Italy faces close voting on divorce

From Our Correspondent Rome, May 10 The campaign for and against the abolition of divorce ended tonight, with the outcome of Sunday's national referendum still unpredictable.

EEC proposes to increase Britain's haulage quota

From Roger Berthoud Brussels, May 10 The European Commission today announced draft regulations which, given ministerial approval, would considerably increase Britain's quota of EEC lorry permits.

Confidence vote averts Danish Cabinet crisis

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, May 10 After an all-night debate on the Liberal minority Government's emergency economic proposals, the Folketing this morning approved a motion of confidence introduced by a fringe party and this temporarily removed the threat of a Cabinet crisis and a general election.

Strikers seize US firm's recording tapes

Nivelles, Belgium, May 10 Striking workers seized 10,000 tape recording cassettes at a branch factory of the American company Ampex today and threatened to sell them at low prices if their demands were not agreed to by the company.

French gunners are given nuclear missiles

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, May 10 A French Army unit has received its first operational Pluton tactical nuclear missiles, which can be fired from the French AMX 30 tanks.

Herr Schmidt completes his Cabinet list

From Dan van der Vat Bonn, May 10 Helmut Schmidt, the prospective new West German Chancellor, today completed his Cabinet list, to be announced after he is elected Chancellor by the Bundestag on Thursday.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, May 11, 1949 Frost of May After what is believed to be the severest frost in May for many years, fruit growers in Lincolnshire, Essex and the Midway Valley in Kent reported widespread damage to their crops.

Goalkeeper makes life-saving catch

Ferney-Voltaire, France, May 10.—Pierre Vanier, a former soccer goalkeeper, made the save of his life here yesterday when he caught a five-year-old girl who fell 60ft from a sixth-floor balcony. The girl escaped with a broken arm.—Reuter.

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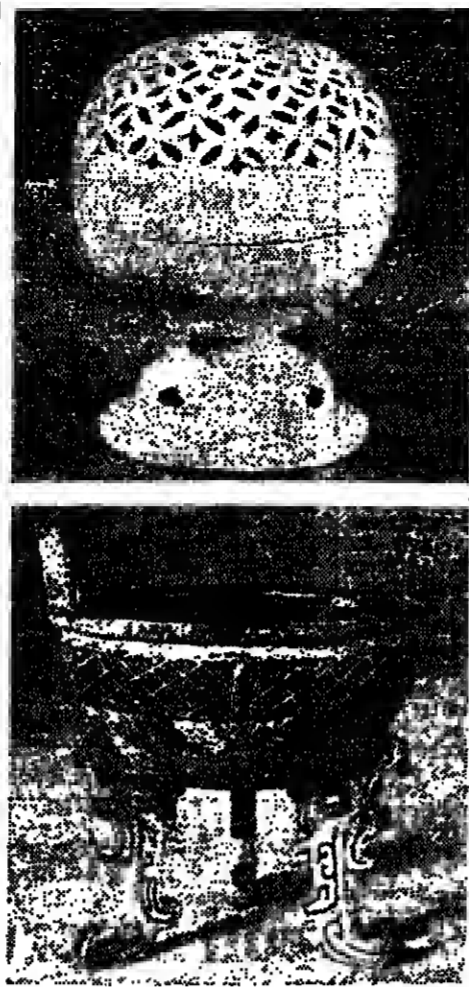
OVERSEAS

Israel minister forecasts success for Dr Kissinger's efforts to achieve agreement with Syria

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, May 10 Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, arrived from Egypt today and drove to Jerusalem to report to Mr. Menachem Begin, Prime Minister, on his talks in Riyadh and Cairo. He is to proceed to Damascus on Sunday to continue his attempts to mediate a disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria.

Mr. Menachem Begin, Prime Minister, said today that he would not be surprised if an agreement for a separation of forces between his country and Syria was achieved in the near future. The chances of agreement were better than they were a few weeks ago.

Reuter and Agence France Presse. Martin writes from Damascus: The Syrian regime is depending on Dr Kissinger to write more concessions out of Israel on withdrawal from territory captured in the 1967 war. Having branded the Israeli plan brought to Damascus last week as "inadequate", Syrian officials maintain that Dr Kissinger's talks are now reaching their most critical stage.



Collector's items: On June 24 and 25 Christie's are to sell the collection of Chinese art formed by Mr Frederick M. Mayer, of New York. The auctioneers describe it as the finest collection to be offered since the Second World War.



ordinary achievement of this collection, formed quietly since 1945, and displaying an eye for quality and a delightfully personal taste.



ware mortar or bowl. Two others are recorded; this one is in perfect condition.

Chained man hands out anti-Greece leaflets

From Our Correspondent Athens, May 10 A young German today chained himself to a lamp-post in Constitution Square, Athens, and distributed hundreds of anti-regime leaflets before security men, who beat him up severely, managed to free him with the help of a locksmith.

US welcome for 'Wilson plan' on oil crisis

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, May 10 Mr Harold Lever, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has been most encouraged by his reception in Washington. He has been discussing with American officials the steps which the industrialized world should take to save the world economy from serious difficulties caused by the rise in the price of oil.

Mrs Meir objects to new coalition moves

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, May 10 Dismissing angry protests by Mrs Golda Meir, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister-designate, today sounded out Mrs Shulamit Aloni, leader of the Civil Rights List movement, about joining his proposed Government.

Mrs Meir and Mr Dayan are members of the caretaker Government which retains power until a new administration wins a parliamentary majority.

Hopes fade for quick end to India rail strike

From Michael Horasby Delhi, May 10 Hopes of a quick end to India's national rail strike, which goes into its fourth day tomorrow, appeared to fade tonight as strikers' representatives rejected the Government's settlement proposal.

Snub to Lions angers Tories

By Our Political Correspondent Conservative backbenchers reacted predictably yesterday to the announcement that the British Embassy in South Africa had been told by the Foreign Office not to take part in social functions arranged for the British Lions rugby team now touring the country.

Shadow of freedom on Beira road

From Michael Knipe Beira, May 10 The still smouldering wreckage of a long-distance bus, destroyed by Frelimo bazooka and machine gun fire, was the latest grim evidence of Mozambique's resistance to the change of power in Lisbon.

Marques, an Indian woman running a general store said: "They think independence has been declared. Some are already deciding who will take over my shop."

The Indian woman's impressions may be heard from elsewhere in Africa. Rural Africans themselves are reticent but they clearly see the change as a turn for the better.

A seventeenth birthday in a Turkish jail

Izmir, Turkey, May 10—The British schoolboy, Timothy Davey, celebrated his seventeenth birthday today with a family party in the Turkish jail where he is serving a sentence for drug offences.

Pakistan hopes Mr Bhutto can step up Chinese aid

From Our Correspondent Rawalpindi, May 10 The reported illness of Mr Chou En Lai, the Prime Minister of China, has not altered the plans of Mr Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan, for his four-day state visit to Peking.

Labourer's feet hacked off by terrorists

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, May 10 The fact of a black farm labourer were backed off by terrorists last weekend, the police here said today.

Communists quit Vietnam talks over status issue

From Victoria Britain Saigon, May 10 The delegates of the communist Provisional Revolutionary Government walked out of today's regular meeting of the Joint Military Committee, leaving behind a note saying they were suspending the JMC meetings.

Japan's sanction breaking threatened

From Peter Hazelhurst Japan, May 10 Reports that a new civilian government in Lisbon will try to reach a political settlement with rebel forces in Portugal's African colonies have alarmed a large section of Japan's steel industry which is importing Rhodesian chrome through Mozambique.

in the production of stainless steel and other high grade steel, has been shipped by rail across Mozambique, and exported through Lourenço Marques to Japan on false South African certificates of origin.

Japan's two second biggest suppliers of chrome are India (221,224 tons last year) and the Soviet Union (95,333 tons). Japan also received limited supplies from smaller producers including Turkey, Brazil and Iran.

29 leftist leaders brought for trial in Santiago

Santiago, May 10—Twenty-nine leaders of Chile's former leftist Government have been brought from Dawson Island to Santiago for trial and are being held at four different detention centres, the Government announced today.

Labourer's feet hacked off by terrorists

Details of this latest atrocity in Rhodesia's north-eastern border area were given by Salisbury police spokesman. The labourer was at a beer drinking party in a tribal trust land near Centenary on Sunday afternoon when the terrorists appeared. They asked the people present to identify themselves.

Labourer's feet hacked off by terrorists

He was then bayoneted by the side and his friends were told to bury him. The man was not named, but he is thought to be aged about 30.

Labourer's feet hacked off by terrorists

The suspension of the meetings is not surprising, says the only method of open to the PRG. The negotiations were already locked.

Mr Whitlam's 6,000-mile day of electioneering

Perth, May 10—Mr Whitlam's 6,000-mile day of electioneering ended one of his most busy days of campaigning for a week's federal elections with a rousing rally here today.

Tito visit postponed

Belgrade, May 9—A visit by Marshal Tito has been postponed because of the nation of Herr Brandt, the German Chancellor, who refused to discuss the

KHRUSHCHEV MEMOIRS

Soviet leaders must always keep a bit between their teeth of the military

With authorization of Time magazine, exclusive to The Times. I began to economize on our military expenditures. Now that I'm no longer active, I can't help noticing from my position as a pensioner that the economic policy we pursued seems to have been reversed...



Khrushchev's grave in Moscow. A picture taken this year.

Besides, I was never too impressed by our ability to keep secrets from the enemy. I once asked Comrade Malinovsky why the latest plans about our army and weaponry were always turning up in the foreign press...

Up until now, I've been straddling to mention my thoughts on extending arms control over rocket technology and the development of warheads. You could say I've been saving the subject for dessert...

If my enemies want to go on inflicting their military budgets, spending their money right and left on all kinds of senseless things, then they'll be sure to lower the living standards of their own people...

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Queen's Bench Division

Hurried trial a breach of natural justice

gina v Thames Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Polenski. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Ashworth and Justice Bristow. The offences under section 2 were not trivial. There was a maximum fine of £50,000 on summary trial...

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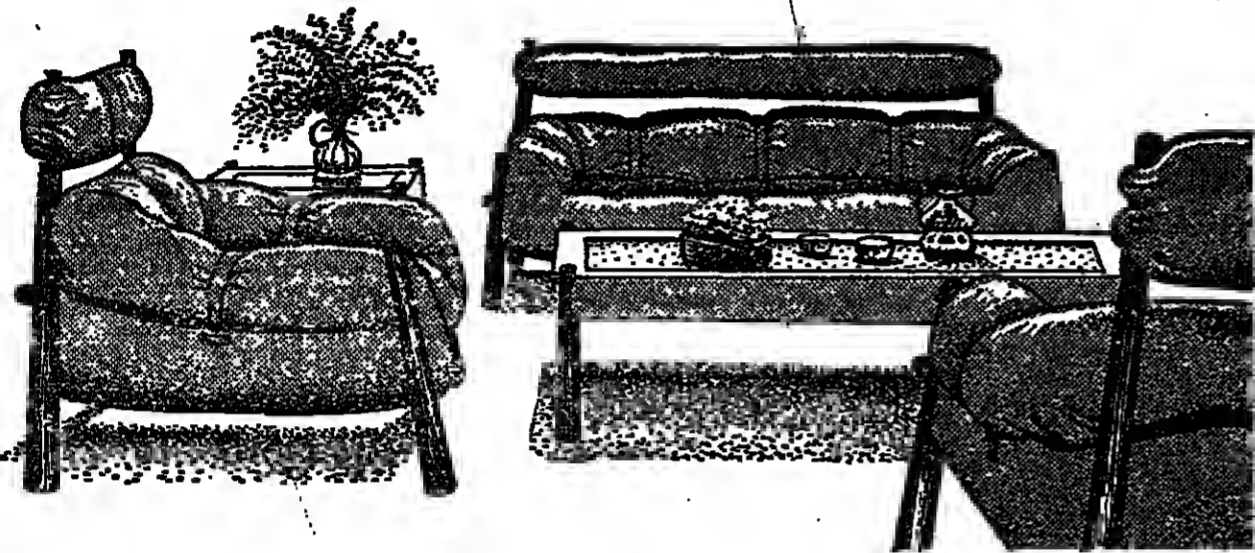
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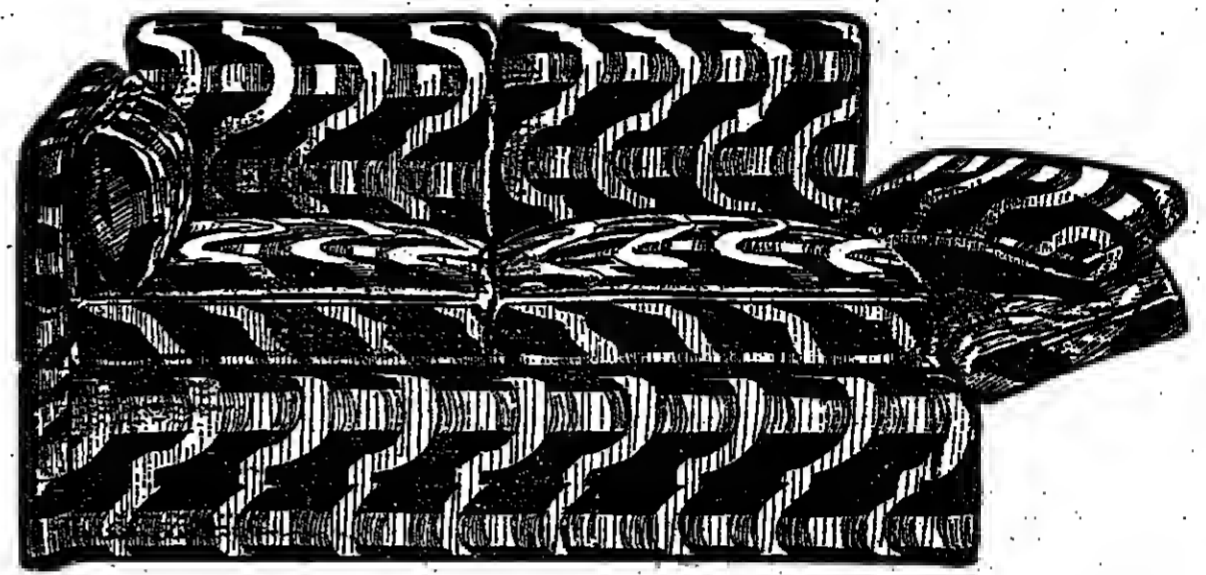
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The case for impeachment, by Louis Heren



"Unfortunate man," exclaimed Thaddeus Stevens in the House on March 2, 1868, addressing his words to President Johnson, "thus surrounded, hampered, snared in the meshes of his own wickedness—unfortunate, unhappy man, behold your doom."



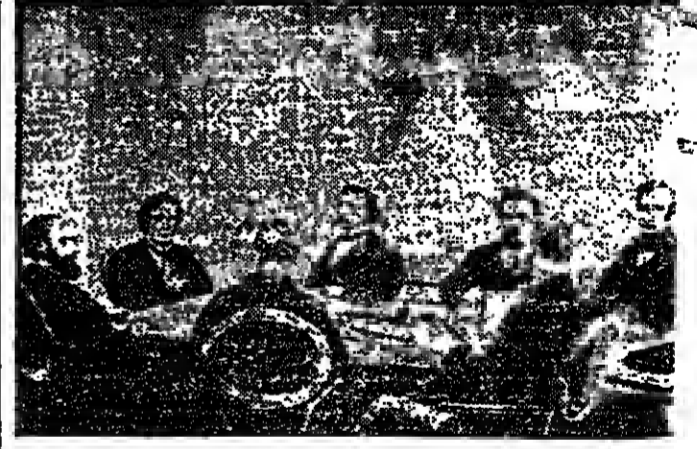
In the Rotunda of the Capitol spectators hold excited discussions during the impeachment trial of President Johnson.



The Ladies' Gallery of the Senate: wives of Congressmen and famous guests follow the happenings on the floor.



The House Committee managing the impeachment of the President enters the Senate to present the indictment.



Impeachment committee preparing the indictment. Left to right: Ward, Stevens, Wilson, Logan, Bonswell, Julian, Bingham.

Engravings published at the time of the impeachment of President Andrew Johnson in: Top, Harper's Weekly March 21, 1868. Above, left to right: Frank Leslie's Illustrated News April 4, 1868; Harper's Weekly April 13, 1868; Frank Leslie's Illustrated News March 21, 1868; Harper's Weekly March 21, 1868.

The office of the President of the United States in a very much more democratic monarchy for all its democratic origins and restraints. Hence the respect, even reverence, for the office if not necessarily for the incumbent, and the initial reluctance of the American majority to contemplate the impeachment of President Nixon. For some impeachment is a kind of regicide. The enormous power which has accrued to the office over the years is part of the explanation, but more is involved. Paradoxically the office is more king because it is elective. The President receives his mandate direct from the people. He is the embodiment of "We the People of the United States". Unlike Britons, Americans share the majesty of the office. Elizabeth Drew put it another way in the *New Yorker*: "Societies need unifying symbols, and the Presidency has been ours. We cling to the idea that the Presidency is worthy of our respect, because we want it to be. Our wellbeing is involved with it. In Mr. Nixon's frequent reminders that he is the President, he speaks to something in us."

It was not always so; certainly not in the long years of Congressional ascendancy, or at the beginning. Many delegates to the Constitutional Convention in 1787 believed that the executive magistracy was the natural enemy, the legislative assembly the natural friend of liberty. The belief sprang from their Anglo-American front. They had got rid of one king and did not want another, and they were afraid that a powerful President could become a monarch. A majority of those who signed the Constitution were cultivated eighteenth-century English gentlemen. Six were born in Britain. They were well aware of the struggle of Parliament in the previous century to curb the powers of the king's ministers, a struggle which they had fought to the finish only a few years before. They were no less aware that impeachment had been used to curb those powers since the fourteenth century. Some of the prerogative colonial constitutions had provided for the impeachment of royal officials. It was inevitable that they should preserve this medieval device direct from the people. He proved to be the first and greatest of modern written constitutions. According to Raoul Berger*, the very terms of impeachment written into the Constitution were lifted bodily from English law. But they made some changes, the most vital being that they replaced an unimpeachable king with an impeachable President. For all the importance they attached to impeachment, it has been used very sparingly. The House of Representatives has only impeached 12 officials, and the Senate has tried 11 and convicted four, all of them judges, between 1787 and 1936. The first to be impeached was Senator William Blount of Tennessee in 1797 for conspiring to excite the Cree and Cherokee Indians against the King of Spain. The Senate dismissed the impeachment on the grounds that Blount was not a civil officer within the meaning of the Constitution, but expelled him from office. Eight judges were impeached

and tried on charges ranging from drunkenness to falsifying expense accounts and evading income tax. William Belknap, a Secretary of War, had already resigned when he was impeached and tried for accepting kickbacks. All of them could have been dealt with in another place. Impeachment also generated political conflict, and partisanship was often blatant, especially in the proceedings against the only President to be impeached and tried. In 1868 the main charge against Andrew Johnson was violation of the Tenure of Office Act after he had suspended Edwin Stanton, the Secretary of War. The Act was of doubtful constitutionality, and was eventually declared null and void by the Supreme Court, but the essential purpose was political: how to deal with the defeated South after the Civil War and the control of the Republican party. The House, voting along strict partisan lines, impeached him on February 24. The trial in the Senate began on March 30, and the first vote, on the eleventh article of impeachment, was taken on May 11. It failed by one vote, cast by a conservative Republican because Johnson's successor in office would have been a radical Republican. The Senate adjourned as a court of impeachment until May 26 when the second and third articles were put to the vote. Both failed by a single vote again, and the Senate abandoned the remaining articles. One of the floor managers at the time said: "The world in after times will read the history

of the administration of Andrew Johnson as an illustration of the depth to which political and official perfidy can descend. Certainly the radical Republicans, for all the assumed righteousness of their cause, committed a grave constitutional offence by trying to get rid of a President because they disagreed with his policies. This was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution, although they had anticipated such misuse. Madison, writing in *The Federalist*, No. 48, said: "They seem never to have recollected the danger from legislative usurpations." Legislative usurpations, of course, and for long after Congress was loath to consider presidential impeachment. The entire process was also seen to be an anachronism. Critics pointed out that the last impeachment in Britain was in 1806. Amendments were proposed, but fortunately were rejected because the situation in Britain had become entirely different. Impeachment had not been dropped there because it was a blunt and cruel instrument—witness the impeachment and trial of Warren Hastings—but because ministers had become accountable to Parliament. Impeachment had become an anachronism in Britain but not in the United States. The Constitution had reversed this historical process across the Atlantic. In separating powers and making the President and Congress coequal, the framers had made possible the emergence of the modern King-President. The medieval instru-

ment of impeachment had become a vital part of the system of checks and balances. Anglo-American history has now turned full circle with Watergate, and one shudders to think what would have happened if impeachment had been repealed. Consider for a moment the calendar of crimes, committed, alleged or contemplated in connection with the flight and enticement, bribery, breaking and entering, Federal Bureau of Investigation, illegal wiretapping, suborning a witness, contempt of court, contempt of Congress, destruction of evidence, violations of campaign financing regulations, blackmail, falsifying government documents, income tax violations, defrauding the United States, embezzlement, extortion, slander, libel, malicious mischief, intercepting mail, flight to avoid prosecution and theft. Most Americans could hardly credit this until the Ervin Committee was convened. Then the hearings established by television in every living room across the land that the couriers of the modern King-President be loved, as did the ministers of those early English kings, that they were not accountable. They were convinced that any act was excusable, even murder, if performed for the President and national security. The courts are now dealing with them, but they only acted for the President. Apart from what may emerge from the investigation of the federal special prosecutor, he must be held responsible but under the American system he cannot be

voted out of office. According to the Constitution he will remain in the White House until midday, January 20, 1977. This could be an impossible situation if it was not for impeachment. The only alternative is resignation. A number of Americans, fearful of the consequences of impeachment, have urged him to resign. The most persuasive has been Senator Buckley, the Republican junior senator from New York. "I don't think many of us have seriously considered what an impeachment trial would be like in the era of mass electronic communications. Public opinion would compel the proceedings to be televised. For three months or more the Senate chamber would be transformed into a stage set for the greatest melodrama ever conceived. History would come to a stop for the duration—in the country and throughout the world. The ruler of the mightiest nation on earth would be starred as the prisoner in the dock. The chamber would become a 20th-century Roman Colosseum as the performers are thrown to the electronic lions." The President does not have to appear before Congress. He can be represented by lawyers, as was Andrew Johnson. Impeachment proceedings do not have to be televised. Indeed, television cameras are rarely allowed in Congress except for brief and formal occasions such as the State of the Union Message, but camera crews and commentators outside would certainly broadcast the proceedings. They could be

painful and divisive, but oddly enough President Nixon has presented the best argument against resignation. Speaking in Chicago in March, he said: "If the President resigned when he was not guilty of charges then every President in the future could be forced out of office by simply levelling some charges and getting the media to carry them and getting a few Congressmen and Senators who were on the other side to exploit them... It (would) ever change our form of government... and I will not be a party to the destruction of the Presidency." The danger is real, as was proved by the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, and there are further positive arguments against resignation. The manner of former Vice-President Agnew's going left a nasty taste although it ensured Presidential succession. Every man, including the President and Vice-President, should stand trial if charged and Burke provided the best argument for impeachment when opening the case against Warren Hastings. "It is by this tribunal that statesmen who abuse their power are accused by statesmen, and tried by statesmen, not upon the niceties of a narrow jurisprudence, but upon the enlarged and solid principles of state morality. It is here that those who by abuse of power have violated the spirit of law can never hope for protection from any of its forms... It is here that those who have refused to conform themselves to its perfections can never hope to escape through any of its defects."

Burke would seem to be answerable, but the truth is that impeachment remains. The coverage could only be part of it. When Senator Buckley called for President Nixon's resignation, he also said: "Suppose the House articles of impeachment the Senate convicts. That would leave a sizeable, excited minority convinced the media had hounded Nixon out of office in order to upset the mandate of the vote and subvert what it leaves to be the foundation of the Republic." On the other hand, sup the Senate fails to impose the Senate, judging a H voted impeachment, fail convict. With equal certainty that would lead a major ment of the constitution equally embittered and conciled, convinced that Congress had placed political expediency above its duty, either outcome hold the test promise of domestic quality." It would not. While the *Washington Post* has well-earned Pulitzer prize for reporting Watergate burglary, and else, the fulminations of liberal ultras in the East, first condemned the Press on the flimsiest evidence, tainly left an impression Mr. Nixon was a victim of hatred. They did a disservice not only to the Republic but those whose duty it has been investigate the charges. Fortunately, the American institutions and legal procedure have survived the tests. For all its Southern corn. Continued on opposite



The case for impeachment

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the Ervin Committee provided the opportunity for the Watergate men to defend themselves with the assistance of counsel. The Grand Jury, another part of the Anglo-American past which has survived only in the United States, have worked diligently and soberly. Above all, Judge Sirica of the United States District Court of the District of Columbia has earned the admiration of his peers on both sides of the Atlantic.
The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, which must prepare the case for impeachment, has acted with propriety and decorum. There has been no conflict between majority and minority counsel in the preliminary proceedings. Justice has been done and is to be done.

President shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offences against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

Article II, Section 4. The President, Vice-President and all civil officers of the United States shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article III, Section 2. The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury.

then votes on each article and amendments. The final vote, which again is carried or defeated by a simple majority, is on the impeachment or indictment.

In the event of the impeachment of President Nixon, a committee of two would proceed to the Senate to address the President pro tempore thus: 'Mr President, in obedience to the order of the House of Representatives, you appear before us and in the name of the House of Representatives, and of all the people of the United States, we do impeach Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors in office.'

The Senate conducts the trial, with the Chief Justice of the United States as the presiding officer. He rules on all motions concerning procedure and evidence, but his rulings can be appealed and overruled by a simple majority. The Sergeant-at-Arms then proceeds to the White House and summons the President to appear, but he can choose to refuse and be represented by counsel.

as, in any trial. The jurors are the Senators, but they can put questions to the witnesses, in writing and through the manager. Two prosecution managers and two defence lawyers make the final arguments. Conviction requires the vote of two-thirds of those present.

The Senators are polled separately. Again, in the event of President Nixon being impeached, Chief Justice Burger is expected to use the form of words of his predecessor who presided over the Johnson trial. 'Mr Senator, how say you? Is the respondent Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States, guilty or not guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors as charged in these articles of impeachment?'

In the event of conviction, the Chief Justice would order the respondent 'to be removed from office and forever disqualified from holding or enjoying any office of honour, trust or profit under the United States.'

which would be the subject of indictment. There are counter arguments no less powerful in that they are believed to reflect the majority view of those who framed the Constitution. Benjamin Butler, one of the House managers in the Johnson impeachment defined an impeachable offence as 'One of its nature or consequence subversive of some fundamental or essential principle of government, or highly prejudicial to the public interest... a violation of the Constitution, or law of an official oath or of duty.'

Burger reports that the great preponderance of authority regards 'high crimes and misdemeanors' as not confined to criminal conduct. He also quotes Blackstone's definition of 'High misdemeanour' as maladministration. The assumption among constitutional lawyers today is that in the event of President Nixon's impeachment the latter case will provide the most persuasive precedent.

Judge Halsted Ritter, who was impeached and tried in 1936, was acquitted of a criminal charge, evasion of income tax. He was then convicted under Article VII of his impeachment, which charged that the cooscquence of his conduct

was 'to bring his Court into scandal and disrepute, to the prejudice of said court and public confidence in the administration of justice.'

The assumption may be well founded, but will not necessarily be accepted by defence counsel without a fight. Again, much will depend upon the evidence and the conduct of the impeachment. The latter could be all important, if only because of the definition of an impeachable offence given by Vice-President Gerald Ford when as the House Minority Leader in 1970, he sought the impeachment of Justice William Douglas of the Supreme Court.

He defined it as 'whatever a majority of the House of Representatives considers it to be at a given moment in history; conviction results from whatever offences two-thirds of the other body considers to be sufficiently serious to require removal from office of the accused from office.'

This was a brutal misrepresentation. It was also an affront to the Constitution because the illimitable power he claimed for Congress was alien to the system designed to separate and limit power. Mr Ford's definition has been remembered, nevertheless, and has aroused latent fears that the impeachment and trial of a President have been postponed in the worst sense of the term, but Congress would again be the kangaroo court it was in 1968. It was all the more potentially damaging because impeachment cannot be anything but political.

The 435 Members of the House of Representatives and the 100 Senators may all be good men and true. Certainly the vast majority have been careful not to express an opinion since the impeachment of President Nixon became a possibility. The Democratic majority must nevertheless see his impeachment somewhat differently than the Republicans. They would not be human or politicians, if they did not see some political advantage in the conviction of a Republican President.

In fact, the differences do not have to work against the President. The Democrats in the House can impeach him because only a simple majority is required, but in the Senate they do not have sufficient strength alone to ensure the two-thirds majority required for conviction. The President could not be removed from office if the Senate voted along strict party lines.

Whether or not this Congressional arithmetic is understood by the American majority remains to be seen, but after all the calculations are made and said the House of Representatives will soon have to decide to impeach or not to impeach. The consequences either way will be traumatic, but so far the American majority must know that their King-President is not the victim of regional forces. That knowledge will stand them in good stead when the final decision is made.

There has never been any doubt in my mind that one of the basic differences between life in New York and life in London is the quality of television. In New York there is infinitely more television—channel after channel after channel—but the quality is often deplorable—feeble game shows, sudsy soap operas, inconsequential talk shows. Public television, sponsored and supported by grants, gifts and subscriptions from individual viewers, does a fairly good job. At present it has an interesting series of productions from the American theatres across the country, and it takes a great deal of its material from British television.

Clive Barnes All the news

Where American television does have a distinct edge on British television is in its news presentations. The amount of information pumped out every week is formidable. All three major networks in New York have at least an hour and a half of news at 6 pm, and another half-hour at 11 pm. NBC has gone one better—or at least it is to be hoped that it will be one better. Recently it started running its news programme from 5 pm until 23:50 minutes of non-stop news, comment and features, broken only by the mercenary chink of the commercial messages.

To understand this it is necessary to understand the American love of news. American newspapers are, generally speaking, much larger than those in Europe. When the New York Times announces its intention to print 'all the news that's fit to print' it means it. Major international speeches, statements and documents are printed in full. As soon as President Nixon released the transcripts of certain of the Watergate tapes, the New York Times promptly started to print them in their entirety. This interest in news is typical.

In this context then, the idea of a 24-hour television news programme every night is not so outlandish. But how do you fill 24 hours? We are now finding out.

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This two-hour segment of local news followed by the usual half-hour of national news, with its current anchorman, John Chancellor, like CBS news, with Walter Cronkite, this is a very fine news programme, with thoughtful comment and hard news from

all over the world. Both stations offer television news at its best, with a terseness and immediacy that is most impressive, and none of the self-conscious jolliness and triviality that is the bane of newscasting on British television.

The new two-hour show is the direct result of falling audiences for NBC's seven o'clock news. NBC in its local news had fallen in New York to a pair third runner to first ABC 10 15a originators of the so-called 'happy news' where the anchormen and reporters stand around burling prepared ad-libs at one another and laughing like crabs, and the more sober-sided CBS.

There is money and prestige in news. If people are turned to a specific newscast at seven o'clock there is a chance that they will remain with that channel all evening. But it seems that the real point to get people switching on and not switching over is with the local news, before seven o'clock. Hence the grim battle of the newscasters.

This battle has not produced any better news coverage on the whole. Rather the reverse. It is noticeable in London that the Daily Mirror sells more copies than The Times. Equally in New York, the Daily News sells more copies than the New York Times. Without pressing the parallel too far, it might be suggested that quality does not necessarily go hand-in-hand with popularity. By the same token, a television network wishing to increase its proportion of viewers might not do so by improving the content of its programme—indeed, the reverse might be true.

With this in mind, the evident seriousness of the NBC project is particularly commendable. It does seem not to be playing down to its viewers, but the difficulty of the television news format still remains. Everything from an assassination to an anti-race given virtually the same emphasis—an emphasis matched by the advertising spots.



Two far whom impeachment is something more than a word: Andrew Johnson and Richard Nixon.

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Drink

Bargain basement

There are many ways of buying wine today, apart from going into a shop—through wine clubs, sales, special offers made through newspapers and magazines, and advertised mail orders. All can effect savings; some will arrange for the wine to be delivered, others provide a certain individuality, because their wines are chosen from stocks not otherwise easily available.

The convenience, exclusivity and additional information supplied should be costed by the purchaser as well as the actual price of the wine, for there are many examples of wines that cost less from many good merchants. However, many people who do not live near a wine merchant, appreciate the advantage of not having to carry their wine home themselves. There are others who find it easier to order by post from a list than from somebody on the other side of a wine counter. The British still tend to be shy about the pronunciation of foreign wine. A recent trend in the merchandising of wine is for the public to be contacted by letter which offers them advantages as regards price and quality if they buy 'direct from the supplier'—in other words, from the source abroad, that either makes the wine or markets it. A shipper in the United Kingdom cannot usually supply wine direct to the public, unless the firm concerned is associated with a retailer, holding a retail licence. The notion of direct imports to cut out the middle man—thereby passing on the price saving to the customer.

To theory, there is nothing wrong with this. But there may be several drawbacks. Why is the wine available and offered publicly for sale anyway? If it is really good, someone in the wine trade might have bought it for fine wine in short supply. How does the customer make his choice? Some firms who offer wine in this way organize 'tastings' for groups of customers which appear to be more in the nature of drinking parties, that, by the end of it all people are in a mood to sign cheques without having given the wines any kind of serious appraisal.

Does the wine supplied match up to the sample offered for tasting? According to many readers often it does not.

Chess

Great spirits

In Hazlitt's delightful piece Of Persons one would wish to have seen Charles Lamb asks for Sir Thomas Browne and Fulke Greville. This is a strange choice since, while the shadowy figure of Fulke Greville does have the great advantage of having been a friend of Philip Sidney's, he is otherwise of little interest and I should have thought we had ample opportunity of meeting Sir Thomas Browne in his writings.

If we extend the idea to chess, then clearly it is best first of all to define its aim. We do not necessarily want to see the great figures. It is a superfluous use of the imagination for example to summon up the great founder of modern chess, Wilhelm Steinitz. We can see him thundering in print against Leopold Hoffer or Zukertort when in the full prime of his career. And it is all too easy to hear him, when hearing the eod of that career, saying in broken tones at the Hastings 1865 Tournament: 'They are all beating me now, even my pupils.'

There does exist, above all, one extraordinary person whom I would have longed to have seen. This is the man, or woman, who invented the game of chess some 15 centuries ago. I think it was one man rather than a collection of individuals and of course, there is also the chance that it was 'not impossible she' who opened this particular Pandora box.

After that I would perhaps give preference to seeing Philidor. It would be instructive to learn if he really meant all that about pawns being the soul of chess or whether he had not tended to distort his ideas by giving them a modern twist. Then there is Charousek. Did he really copy out that vast tome of algebra and if so was it any more use to him than the 'flood of modern chess literature on the openings to our present generation of masters? Or Harry Nelson Pillsbury. Was that surprise move he was supposed to have kept in reserve for Emanuel Lasker all those years yet to be prepared or did he merely produce it over the board? But most of all I would like to see Julius Breyer and ask him if he did say that 'after

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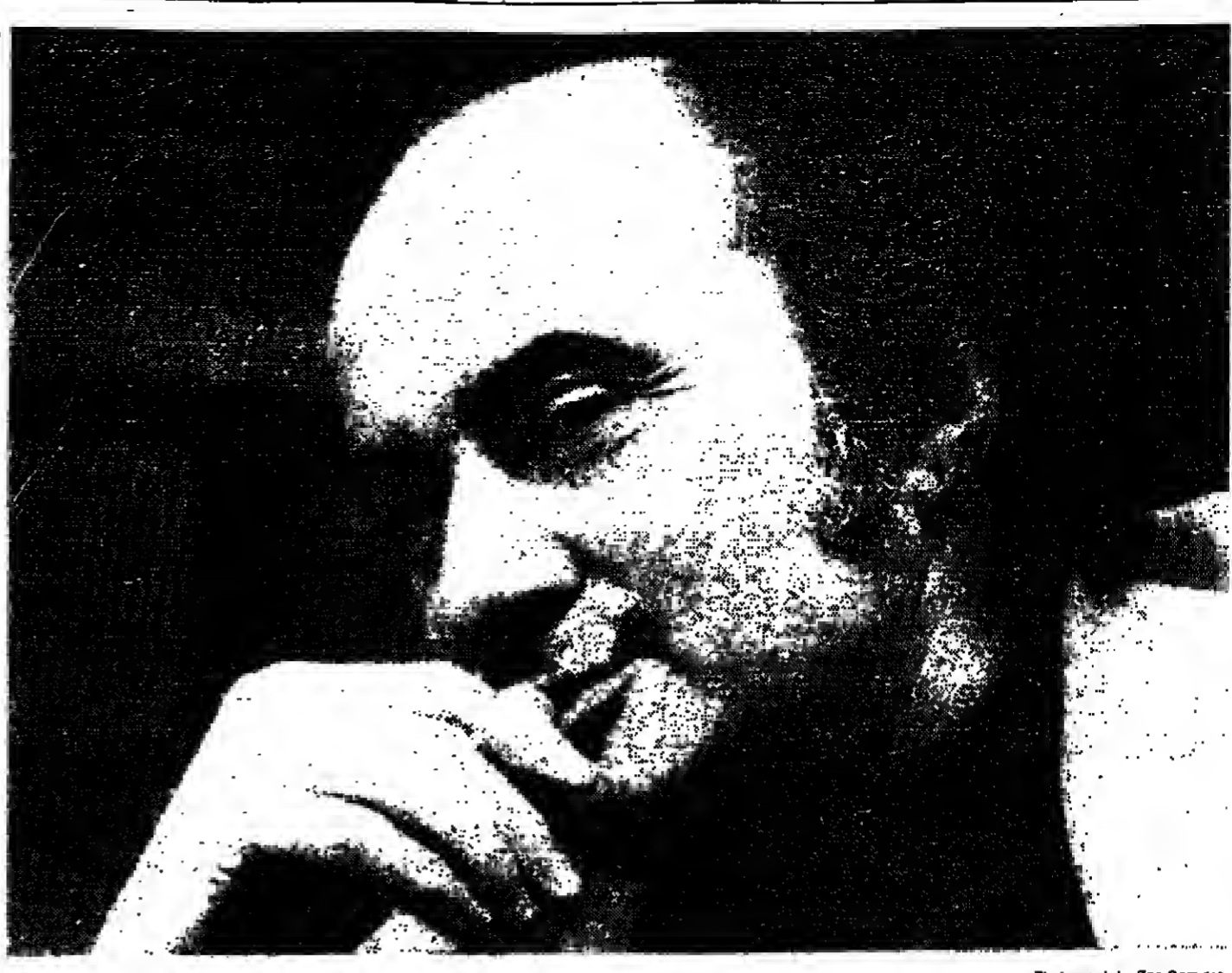
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John Dexter plays Pygmalion plain

Next Thursday Pygmalion plain returns to the West End after a long absence; no lyrics, no music, just Shaw, Diana Rigg and Alec McCowen head the cast, with John Dexter directing; that is the kind of combination more likely to be encountered in the Waterloo Road than in St Martin's Lane. Dexter agrees that he first thought of Pygmalion for the National...

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Adele Leigh's return

La Vie Parisienne Theatre Royal Brighton

William Mann

Offenbach's operetta about Paris on the eve of the 1867 exhibition used to be in the Sadler's Wells Opera repertoire and will be remembered for June Brooch's spirited impersonation of the Colonel's widow and Eric Sibiog's Swedish Baron intent on revenge. La Vie Parisienne includes none of the most popular Offenbach tunes and its plot is almost non-existent—such as there is might be described as proto-Feydeau—but it does contain stoutry numbers whose charm and humour cling happily to the memory. Tom Hawkes's new production for Phoenix Opera has a welcome baptism this week at Brighton Festival; it brings back Adele Leigh to the British operatic stage.

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NEW YORK PRO ARTE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Two major exhibitions opened this week, one in London, and the other in Brighton. Jeffery Daniels discusses 'George III, Collector and Patron' at the Queen's Gallery. William Gaunt has been to Brighton, where this year the Festival has turned its eyes towards the sea.

A kinder view of George III

The new exhibition, at the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, draws attention to an unfamiliar aspect of a monarch often dismissed as an obstinate booby in his youth and a pathetic wreck in old age.

Such artificiality was not to George III's own taste, and even in the decoration of his apartments he preferred simplicity to profusion, although the astronomical clocks for which he had a passion were encased in magnificent structures of rare woods decorated with gilt bronze.



Moses Receiving the Law, by Castiglione

Among which is the scar of Handel's oratorio, Jephtha Handel was the king's favourite composer and the exhibition includes Roubillac's bust of as well as a harpsichord Ruckert which traditionally belonged to Handel.

Inspiration beside the seaside

An excellent loan exhibition of sea pictures is a feature of this year's Brighton Festival. Organized by Peyton Skipwith of the Fine Art Society and presented on behalf of the Brighton Polytechnic Grand Parade, from now until May 19, the exhibition consists of British paintings of sea and seashore by artists who had gained a stimulus from the Impressionist movement.



Nicholson's The Brig, 1906, from the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art

William Gaunt has been to Brighton, where this year the Festival has turned its eyes towards the sea. Above: Beach Scene, Dieppe, by Charles Conder, from Sheffield City Art Galleries. Right: Sir William Nicholson's The Brig (1906), from the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art.

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When an Englishman's stately home is his liability

Troupes of holiday neighbours hourly chase me from my apartments or strolling around the lawns keep me prisoner." The eighteenth-century equivalent of the day tripper was not welcome at Lord Lytton's home at Cobham Hall in 1778.

Nearly 200 years later stately home owners might privately commiserate with the complexity but none the less welcome such borders. The arrival of mass motoring and the cost of maintaining Britain's great houses has turned a nuisance initiated by enterprising servants in the baronial lord's time into a business worth £20m to £25m per year. In fact the girls' school which now owns Cobham Hall charges 20p to visitors.

This year more than seven million sightseers will cross the historic or ornate thresholds at 302 private homes, ranging from palaces to mere manor houses. They will pay 5p to see the but kennels at Badminton or £1.50 to allow monkeys to swing on the wing mirrors at Woburn's Wild Animal Kingdom.

The age of the modern stately home was introduced by Lord Bath in 1946. He resurrected a practice well-established by Victorian times when Chatsworth drew 80,000 in one year.

Lord Bath said death duties made him go public but many other owners place the blame on the cost of keeping their homes. Literally, many owners have taken government grants towards renovation and the money comes with a requirement to open for a given number of days each year. To get a grant, in the first place, 50 per cent of the cost must be put up and this in itself can be a reason for opening, even before there is any requirement.

Once open it becomes virtually impossible to close again. Only two houses have done so; one being Sutton Hood. Mr. Gerby can afford the cost of repairing a leaking roof out of his own pocket as one of the world's richest men.

For other less fortunate owners the pennies from the public help to make a profit. Ragley Hall received grants of over £100,000 but it still costs £20,000 to run the place with incidentals like £100 a time to clean the windows. In the winter 600 gallons of oil are needed every three days to heat Dodington House.

Owners of lesser homes look at Beaulieu and Woburn and shudder. Lord Montague estimates his annual running costs at six figures. Faced with this it is little wonder owners will burn water ski demonstrations as did the Marquess of Hertford or welcome nudists as did the Duke of Bedford, perhaps prima inter pares among the stately home owners before his retirement.

But when the antics and exhibitions are over, why do owners claim to make a profit? Less than 40, perhaps as few as six, are estimated to be in this happy position. Dusting off the Rembrandts is not enough to cater for the tastes of today or the problem of tax.

Part from the costs of maintenance, the Inland Revenue makes its toll. Under a category called Case One, which covers 20 houses, the costs of maintenance can be offset. But owners have to show they stand a chance of making a profit to reap this benefit. Few appear to do so.

The simple exercise of showing is not enough and the homes at the top of the league have gone on to use

Not all of Mr. Enoch Powell's friends and well-wishers are best pleased by the prospect that he may choose to return to Westminster via Ulster. They are fretting not so much because they would prefer him to represent an English constituency (a Welsh one would be equally acceptable) but because they fear the political danger to Mr. Powell of excessive involvement in Northern Ireland, graveyard of many a national reputation. They fear that his wider appeal would be reduced or even lost by over-identification with Ulster—for whose warring factions, it may be said, there is ever less sympathy elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

Of course, this may not happen, for Mr. Powell has yet to receive a precise and formal offer of a seat. I sense that he is expecting one, however, and I know that he will be greatly tempted to accept. There is no doubt that he is genuinely and deeply interested in securing a Ulster settlement. With few exceptions, the Ulster Unionists have shown him their good will, and the feeling is reciprocal.

Then again, Mr. Powell finds common ground with them in their attitude to the EEC. Given all this, and his determination to return to the House of Commons without avoidable delay, he will find it hard to resist any impending call, whatever the misgivings among his friends in England.

That stimulating spirit, Mr. Angus Meade, assails Mr. Ian

George Hutchinson

Can Mr Powell resist the Ulster road back?



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The quiet men with a President's future in their hands

Mr Rodino has more secrets in his safe than anyone in Washington, including the special prosecutor on K Street, but he never leaks any of them

Mr. Peter Rodino is short, chubby, silver-haired and happy. Mr. John Doer is tall, thin, saturnine, and appears to be stuck in perpetual melancholy. The Abrazo and Costello are one of the sights of the House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary. Mr. Rodino is chairman, Mr. Doer, counsel, and they are busy preparing to impeach the President of the United States.

The reputations of those involved in Watergate rise and fall with the tide of their public prominence. Too little publicity, hiding from the cameras is bad public relations, as the President discovered. Too much publicity, an over-eagerness to get one's photograph in the newspapers and on television is even worse. As the various members of the Ervin Committee discovered last year, the public likes them and then the press tires of them. Nobody has said anything new about Senator Baker or Professor Dash for many a long month.

Mr. Rodino, like Judge Sirica, is accessible but discreet. He is perfectly ready to appear on television shows, but he never says anything memorable. He has more secrets in his safe than anyone in Washington, including the special prosecutor on K Street, but never leaks any of them.

The Judiciary committee staff, presided over by Mr. Doer, has been preparing the evidence against the President since last February and virtually nothing has leaked out. By comparison, the staff of the Senate Watergate committee produced its recent draft report on Wednesday morning, and by early afternoon the agencies were putting out lengthy excerpts and the evening papers

ingly successful one. Woolton supplied the organization, Butler the policies. Without them, the Tories might not have returned to office in 1951, Churchill or no Churchill.

Later there was the Hall-Sham-Butler partnership under Mr. Macmillan (already in office)—Lord Halsham as chairman of the party, Butler still chairman of the Research Department. Again, it was a brilliantly productive combination (remember the Tory majority of 100 in the 1959 election, little more than two years after Suez, which at the time seemed likely to ruin the Conservatives).

This suggests that under its appointed leader the Conservative Party can best prosper when each of these two choirs combines strongly, indeed personal capacity, organized political stature.

When the two chairmen are scarcely less important than the leader himself and can hold their own with him.

At present Lord Carrington is chairman of the party, Sir Michael Fraser (soon to be Lord Fraser of Somervère—somebody in Aberdeenshire, I dare say) is chairman of the Research Department.

This cannot be described as a straight partnership between organization and research, however. Much less is it a competitive one. The relationship is complicated (or dilted) by another of Sir Michael's appointments: besides his overall responsibility for research, he is deputy chairman of the party organization—indeed its senior salaried administrator.

A good many Conservatives think that this arrangement should be changed, so that in a period of reconstruction and recovery the Research Department is headed by someone quite free from organizational responsibilities. Sir Keith Joseph is frequently mentioned, and his qualifications are at once apparent.

Alternatively, it is suggested, Sir Michael Fraser might be released from his deputy chairmanship of the party organization to concentrate on research and policy, with the enhanced authority that would accompany his full attention to what is now most needed. This would

have the additional effect of reducing Lord Carrington's duties to one Mr. James Douglas, that the hierarchy became less top-heavy and ultimate control more sharply defined.

Many would agree that while on the duties and distraction of ministerial office Lord Carrington has the makings of a notably good chairman. To qualities are there—rare Whiggish ones. Humane and generous in social outlook, frank and good-humoured, he also has a considerable managerial instinct though not, alas, a great speaker like Lord Halsham (neither was Woolton).

His critics among MPs and members of the National Union have no need to go on about the party organization's almost perfect inaction during the election campaign. That safely be left to Lord Carrington to put right where he is wrong. Instead, they apply their minds to the political business of serious policy people—which is policy.

The underground car-park in Palace Yard is nearly completed at long last. Meanwhile, I hear, the Greater London Council is thinking of restricting three squares pedestrian: Leicester Square, Trafalgar Square—and Parliament Square.

Easy to predict the upshot of the proposal is carried out. MPs will be exempt from restriction in Parliament Square. They alone will be allowed to drive right to the House—if only to utilize the costly new car-park. © Times Newspapers Ltd, 19

Political minefield of divorce Italian style

Tomorrow and Monday, the Italian electorate will emerge from one of the more grotesque experiences inflicted on a long-suffering public by finally going to the polls to decide whether one divorce should continue to be allowed.

Throughout a campaign which has dominated political life for weeks, Italians have heard from political leaders of high authority that Marx was against divorce; that homosexual marriages would be a natural consequence of a confirmation of the divorce law; that some 200 bishops and other prelates had been or were being threatened with legal action by anti-clericals for allegedly having broken the electoral law by attacking divorce; that divorce itself would mean an outbreak of lesbianism among Sicilians; that its abrogation would inevitably lead to a decisive move towards an authoritarian regime; that Roman Catholics willing to uphold divorce were no more than on the fringes of the church; that whatever happens this weekend there is a danger that the government will fall. Even so, the outcome of the vote is difficult to predict.

The law introducing divorce was approved by the Italian parliament in December 1970. Since then 66,000 divorces have been granted. Immediately after the law had been approved, a group of traditionalist Catholics called for a referendum to abrogate it. They could do so because the enabling legislation, which gave the courts the constitutional right to abrogate laws by referendum, was approved at much the same time. It is generally supposed that the lay parties (with the exception of the Liberals) cooperated in passing this enabling legislation to ensure the neutrality of the divorce law of the government, led by the Christian Democrats, who are a specifically Roman Catholic party and thus opposed to divorce.

Hence, all the political parties except the Liberals sowed for themselves the seeds which in the past few weeks they have activated. The ecclesiastical hierarchy helped. The most sensitive of Italian bishops still feel that allowing the request for a referendum to go forward without waiting to see the effect of the law or soundness of the opinion of the whole Catholic structure in Italy was a grave mistake.

A confrontation on divorce could have had some emotional impact. The rapid economic progress of Italy and the great social changes involved in the quick shift from a primarily agricultural society to an industrial way of life have fragmented the social scene. The question of divorce as a test of those who wished to abide by the traditional dogmas of the Church has never been a useful sociological study. The majority of Italians might not particularly want to belong to the form of society which their European neighbours and their own countrymen are imposing on them. Spain and Ireland manage without divorce, and Italy might have felt inclined to do the same.

The family structure of Italian life might be said to have little or no room for divorce, if one accepts the view that many Italian husbands are taking occasional lovers and an affectionate or familial acceptance of their family ties, and that Italian women see in a lack of divorce a measure of security for themselves. One might add that many Italians, though they talk a lot about rights, place little faith in rights given them by law; prefer to make their own arrangements without interference from a remote institution as a duly elected parliament, let alone judges.

Southern women are normally regarded as the reservoir of their depressed agricultural areas they suffer most from what

Stewart Tendler

"Behind all the glitter, British boxing's got just about as many troubles as Fleet Street", reflected a colleague gloomily last month. "All we've really got is Ken Buchanan and he never fights here, anyway." Like most Jerebians, he was exaggerating a little. Britain now holds four European titles and will challenge for two more before the end of this month. There is, too, a fair chance that Buchanan, an excellent coach in the British left hand school of boxing, did not get on with the chief London promoters and so Buchanan was confined to private clubs like the National Sporting Club where he had his first bout for money.

Having won the British title at the private Anglo-American Club in London, it was a huge jump for Buchanan, in September, 1970, to go to Panama and challenge Ismael Laguna for the world title. But by now he was ready to do anything to get to the top. After beating Laguna he went to New York's famous Madison Square Garden for a non-title bout which made him thousands of new friends including the New York boxing writers who voted him their "fighter of the year".

Buchanan's boxing style began to change, too. He still based his approach on the left jab, about which Thomas could be a shade obsessive, but he began to throw more combinations in his hook, and to look for opportunities to land a right cross. He also found that his naturally gritty temperament was well suited to bargaining with the hard-headed men in New York boxing and fighting men, to quote one American report, "hit Buchanan with left to the groin and a right to the kidney."

His toughness comes from his childhood in an Edinburgh housing estate. "I could write a book", he has said "about the years between six and 15. Maybe I would call it *The Chip on My Shoulder*. I didn't have no really bad time, like totally deprived children. But I had to fight my own battles. The boys round about didn't like me and neither did their fathers. I felt like some kind of misfit. They didn't like me because I could stand up for myself."

When he was about eight his Auntie Jean gave him a pair of boxing gloves and later he joined the Sparza Club for whom he won an amateur title in 1965. "As a laddie I was always being pushed into fights. Boys would challenge me but they were always a foot higher and two stones heavier. I wouldn't back down so I had to fight every other day. I never had a real friend outside of the family, certainly none of my own age, nobody I could rely on. In a fight I was always on my own."

What is extraordinary is that Buchanan, for all the sour memories, has come to terms with his strange isolation from British rings. For a normal promotion in London he is too expensive when promoters can sell as many tickets as Buchanan and can be paid perhaps half as much. The boxing public identifies with Londoners like John Stracey or Johnny Clark, and for a long time even seemed to prefer paying in order to boo Joe Bugner rather than to applaud Buchanan.

Perhaps they would have had more feeling for the Scot if they had seen him in Scotland last week winning the European title by knocking out Antonio Puddu in the sixth round. Buchanan fought almost as well before the bout, raging

Sportsview

about the need to have his purse deposited in a bank.

His cockney trainer, Freddie Hill, says: "He carries on something marvellous. I go along with it, too, and when he says we're all falling out I'm taking up fight times and shouting Ken there's a plan at 7.10. And there's all running about in a great state. He does a very good warm-up, does Ken."

The two men are so different that they make a very effective partnership. During the Puddu bout Buchanan was rather gentlemanly about coming out of a clinch and Hill was bellowing from the corner: "What's your game? What do you think this is? A contest or a fight?"

That cheerful abuse is exactly what Buchanan pays Hill for, but he is not close to the trainer in the way Hill, who likes to be an uncle to his fighters, would prefer. "I says to Ken last week: 'why don't you come home and have a cup of tea and watch *Crossroads*', but he says he's got business to do."

The story reminded me of the night when Hill and I were having a drink in his Glasgow hotel room and Buchanan walked in. He had had a hard bout over the full 15 rounds and then collapsed, suffering from exhaustion and dehydration, in a crowded lift while coming from the ring.

Buchanan's face was bruised but he had his hat and coat on and he said he would not be staying the night but would be getting back to Edinburgh. He paid Hill, shook his hand and me and walked off down the long corridor alone.



Ken Buchanan: battered and bruised, but he put on his hat and coat and walked off alone.

Buchanan boxes clever in the fight business

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THE CAUSES OF CORRUPTION

Short's letter which we saw today contains a denial he knew at the relevant time in 1963 that Mr. Dan had any connection with the Crudens contract.

Mr. Short himself should recognize that his support for the Crudens contract might be associated with his acceptance of the payment from Mr. T. Dan.

The letter read as follows: "I have now seen your article on this subject and am sorry to be unable to meet you to discuss it." "I am sure that you will understand my position."

It is not because we have become insensitive to the blight of corruption, though we have done our utmost to keep a sense of collective conscience. Even knowingly corrupt actions are to be preferred to who murder, their agents, or burn Chief Justices in Land Rovers. Yet corruption remains a great evil, and even the retention which consists in the corrupt friends has to a penalty disproportionate to a moral offence committed. It is considering any individual case one has to recognize we live in a period propitious to corruption. In the first place we are in decline, fewer people believe in absolute standards than at any time in our history; they believe in absolute religious standards, nor in absolute moral standards. As a result children are not taught there is a real difference between right and wrong; neat, sexual licence, drug use, major thefts and petty crimes like shoplifting are all on

the increase—so far as statistics show—and in all countries, except probably China.

In an age of looser morality and softer disciplines, a dishonest, or less honest, people cannot expect to be governed by a political class who will alone retain the old standards of probity, let alone the old standards of appropriate complicity. If the Leader of the Labour Party was introduced to Mr. Milne, the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party was a friend of Mr. T. Dan Smith and Mr. Maudling, they were exposed to a risk, from which no one can really be immune. They were among people, because there are a few fanny people around.

The deterioration of standards is the result also of strong social and economic influences. What are its virtues—real or pretended—socialism tends to be demoralizing to the individual. Socialism believes in the power of the state and in redistributive taxation. Any increase in the power of the state increases the motive to corruption, because the wealth to be had from the state becomes disproportionate to what the individual can win for himself. The impersonality of the state is also corrupting. Everyone who has served in the forces knows that what is everybody's property is nobody's property; men will cheat the state who would not cheat an individual, because they feel that no particular person will suffer.

Socialism is also a financial attack on the individual. When Mr. Healey announces with relish that he will make the rich howl with anguish, what response does he expect? Of course the response that he gets is that he is seen as the enemy of the taxpayer, as an unjust judge in the nation's affairs, and that his edicts will be avoided if they possibly can. He destroys the consent to taxation. It is inevitable that this sort of socialism will breed contempt for law; if the taxpayer sees himself as threatened by confiscatory taxation on an inflated income, and by a man who makes a boss of his personal pressure in grinding taxation, he will fight back.

Yet the most powerful engine of corruption is inflation. Every period of inflation in human history has been corrupted, whether one thinks of the decadence of Berlin in the 1920s, or the chaos of France in the 1950s. Inflation creates fictitious hopes, and gives suffering masses by enormous speculative wealth. Inflation disappoints legitimate expectations, and frustrates the ordinary financial planning of the individual, while enormous debts are incurred because still higher prices are expected. This state of fear, false expectation, uncertainty and indebtedness becomes almost general; only successful speculation pays, while the qualities on which society depends, which are essentially work and thrift, are consistently defrauded. You cannot systematically defraud society by circulating bad money without systematically corrupting society as well.

In an inflation each person comes to believe that his neighbour may be profiting at his expense; different classes become embittered and hostile; trade unions call into the hands of careerists and agitators, and the work of rational trade union administrators is constantly undermined; the middle class find themselves squeezed between rising prices and rising taxes, with only the inflation in the value of their houses to compensate for their financial difficulties.

In such circumstances men do yield to temptation; their sense of honesty is destroyed, their careers are destroyed. Others are almost equally damaged by their friends and colleagues yielding to temptation, even though they have not given way themselves. It is part of the troubles of our time, for, like inflation, corruption is a world-wide. Yet it is not good, hoping that we can have those institutions, the socialist state, the overpowered bureaucracy, the attack on individual savings, the circulation of bad money, which have always undermined the honesty of society in the past, and not have to face the corruption which has been their natural consequence throughout man's history.

DECISION FOR ITALY

Two years ago it seemed clear republican Italy, like General de Gaulle's France, had decided to "marry her fury". She had modernized industry at breakneck speed, had thrown herself with usiasm into the European community, and conquered markets all over Europe. Her film-makers and designers were the envy of the world. She also boasted the world's most liberal and liberal Communist Party, one of its most imaginative, vigorous trade union movements. She had a Centre-Left movement of progressive type, which was beginning to shake its collective mentality from the age of a Catholic Church which itself was undergoing an ornament. When in 1970 a law at last reached the streets and the Christian Democrats appeared more formal than if.

Admittedly this would have been a picture which had been painted rather more on the shadows; the wide-

spread corruption, the intolerable slowness of reform, the growing violence of left and right-wing extremists, the poverty and depopulation of the south, the fears of a revival of fascism. Even so it would hardly have prepared us for the picture that we see today. The dynamism of industry and that of the trade union movement seem to have cancelled each other out, and today much of Italian industry is close to bankruptcy. Instead of riding the wave of European expansion, the Italians are heading the national scramble for welfare, national bankruptcy, after being the first to break the monetary ranks they have now set a new and dangerous precedent with their unilateral import surcharges.

The architects, film-makers and designers are still there, of course, but mostly looking older and rather tired. The Communist Party appears to have lost its nerve. By offering an "historic compromise" which the Christian Democrats have treated with contempt it has succeeded only in compromising itself. The Centre-Left government patched together again last year after eighteen months of futile sparring between Socialism and Christian Democrats, has almost ceased to believe in reform and

is at present reduced to awkward silence while its component parties campaign against each other on television and in the country. The Christian Democrats, the Vatican and almost the whole Catholic hierarchy have dedicated themselves, with surprising unanimity and with the enthusiastic support of the neo-fascists, to the repeal of the divorce law in tomorrow's referendum.

Whether the Italians want a divorce law is of course for them to decide—and it is to be hoped they will succeed in doing so lucidly, in spite of the inverted form in which the question is put to them. And in spite of the deplorably misleading propaganda to which they have been subjected. But few Christians in this country, few Catholics even, would wish to impose their beliefs by law on fellow-citizens who did not share them. And few Catholics can feel very proud of the attitude of the Italian hierarchy, which opposes civil divorce while allowing expensive religious annulments on the most various and often casuistical grounds, without making any legal provision for wives and children thereby deprived of support.

Branching a currency

In his most informative letter on questions of the gold standard I had thought myself, I was confused with Keynes. Lord Boothby, in your issue of May 4, "Lenin said that the best and surest of destroying the capitalist system was to demand their currency." In his book *The Economic Consequences of the Peace* published in 1919, J. M. Keynes wrote: "There is a subtler means of overturning existing basis of society than to such the currency" "The Len who has in mind, Lenin's treatment of the issues involved in the gold in different historical periods was far more complex and list.

Its faithfully,
ALME DUJT,
Highfield Court,
Highfield Road,
75.

Why could this have not been said in the first place in section 16? I am quite happy to obey the letter of the law, but find it rather difficult to do so if I can't understand it. Perhaps that's what the parliamentarians intend?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY LEWIS,
3 Feserborough Road, SW6,
May 8.

Health risks in industry

From Mr. W. P. Howard
Sirs, Whatever may be the legal position regarding asbestos workers' rights to know about hazards to which they are exposed, great efforts are made to explain the facts. The larger asbestos companies have introduced their own leaflets on booklets on the subject, and run special courses for their employees. In addition, this committee has published a leaflet for employees, "Asbestos and Your Health".

This, or the Government leaflet "Asbestos and You", is distributed in asbestos factories, often when the factory doctor is giving an employee his pre-employment medical examination, which also provides an opportunity for the risks to be verbally explained. In addition the Environmental Control Committee of the Asbestos Research Council is publishing a series of posters and leaflets for the employees of the asbestos industry's customers on safe work practices.

The asbestos industry would be the first to admit, by hindsight, that precautions in the distant past were inadequate. But advances in medical knowledge and identification of dust control techniques have made the situation in British asbestos factories today, and indeed in the recent past, one in which we take a great pride. This is an area of occupational hygiene for which we are the envy of other countries.

Yours faithfully,
W. P. HOWARD, Secretary,
The Asbestos Committee,
9 Old Burlington Street, W1,
May 1.

quiry into the press

As Managing Editor of a group predominantly weekly newspapers I say how much I welcome the Government's decision to try and abolish certain basic standards of reporting within the industry. It is doubtful whether a Royal Commission is the best way of doing this, there is an obvious need for a code of editorial practice—read for the public to know what it is. Anyone involved with newspapers will be aware of the cynicism with which many people currently view the actions of some of the press. It is surely better to try to get the industry to develop its own standards of the whole profession of journalism. If this is to be dispelled, the press consistently and quite

Parliamentary drafting

From Mr. Anthony Lewis
Sirs, Can somebody please inform me of the necessary for the current trend in parliamentary drafting, which seems to seek to confound the public by means of morose cross-referenced legalese which I don't very much if even the most capable lawyer can understand on first reading.

The recent Finance Bill provides a good example. The Consumer Credit Bill is another. To take an example from the latter, section 16 (on page 7) refers to "a land improvement company". This I later discovered is defined in section 184 (91 pages later) as "an improvement company as defined by section 7 of the Improvement of Land Act 1929". Having been very sure the brother of locating this earlier on, I find that an improvement company means purely and simply, a company authorised by any Act of Parliament to execute or advance money for the execution of improvements of land.

Mobility of teachers

From Mr. T. A. Bryan
Sirs, Your Education Correspondent, in discussing teacher mobility (May 2), expresses surprise at the high teacher mobility shown to exist in this country. A little more research would have shown that this is no recent manifestation and unfortunately, is one which is likely to increase. The real evil is the comparative under-payment of teachers of the years. In general the schools of this country are well planned and modern, lavishly equipped and contain pleasant children in comparatively small classes, but despite this seeming paradisaic state of affairs I, and my colleagues, suffer from increasing staff shortages and would not be able to manage without the help of married women who happen to live locally.

Over five years ago, when I was appointed to this post, the application of a "stop-go" policy was such that no one living outside the district would be able to move in, and this

Mr Edward Short's reply on relationship with Mr Dan Smith

From Mr Edward Short, Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne, Central
Sirs, I refer to your long leader in The Times of May 7. Stripped of its verbiage, the hard core of your accusation is to be found in the twentieth paragraph. In this you allege that I used my best endeavours on behalf of the Crudens contract on at least three separate occasions, two of them when I was acting specifically as a Member of Parliament, without disclosing that I had accepted an offer of money from a public relations firm although I may have known that the firm, or its principal, was acting for Crudens. This is not true.

The way in which you set out the sequence of events is designed to produce the impression to imply that I was paid by Mr Smith to use my influence to ensure that a contract with a firm in which he had an interest was awarded to that firm. You quote three instances in which I am supposed to have used my "best endeavours" on behalf of the Crudens contract. My letter to the Housing Minister (dated May 28, 1963, not May 31, 1963, as you state), my question in the House on June 18, 1963, and my article in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle dated July 5, 1963.

With regard to the question which I asked Sir Keith Joseph on June 18, 1963, a simple reading of *Harvard Yearbook*, column 470, and 211, would confirm that in fact I told the Minister that he might have been right in refusing loan sanction to the scheme on planning grounds, but that I asked him to confirm that the essential difference between him and the Council on the scheme as a whole, was one of differing judgment, and on this basis I implied that the Council knew more than the Minister—a point of view which all constructive Members of Parliament always take—and that it was urgent to rehouse 300 families.

With regard to the letter of May 28, 1963, the first point I made was the desirability of the Minister in making his decision public to the constructive Members of Parliament before he had informed the Corporation itself. I added that I regarded the decision itself as part of a long history of obstacles placed in the path of the local authority in its attempts to rebuild its slum areas.

The purpose of the article in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle dated July 5, 1963, was to explain the

meaning of a negotiated contract. In connexion with the decision on the award of the contract, I added "whether they (ie, the Council) were right in their decision or not is a matter of judgment—but nothing more".

You implied that these three instances show that I attempted to obtain the contract for Crudens. They do not do so, nor did I myself give any opinion on the merits of the Crudens tender. They do show that my concern was that a desperately needed housing contract, to the best of my knowledge properly awarded by the local authority, should be speedily implemented to provide urgently needed housing.

The rest of the evidence you quote is designed to show that Mr Smith had an interest in Crudens; that he used his influence with the local authority to get the contract awarded to Crudens; that the contract was therefore improperly awarded, and finally, that since Mr Smith's interest in Crudens was public knowledge, I must have known it. The implication is again that I acted in concert with the award of an improper contract.

To take each part of this allegation first, at no time has any-one been able to produce evidence that there was any impropriety in the award of the contract to Crudens. It is certainly inconceivable that Sir Keith Joseph would have allowed the matter to pass without later accepting the Crudens tender. A partner in JKT told me yesterday that Mr Smith was never employed by the firm.

I myself did not know in 1963 that there was any connection between Mr Smith and Crudens. What I did know was that at the Labour Group meeting in July 1963, Mr Smith denied emphatically to his colleagues that he had any interest at all in Crudens. Councillor Walter Wilson who was present confirmed this to me only this week, and added that Mr Smith threatened to sue anyone

who alleged that he had such a connection.

The detail of Mr Smith's interest in Crudens is not of course, but you are correct in stating that Mr Smith declared an interest in Crudens at a meeting of the Housing Committee in July 1962. You are incorrect in implying that this interest existed via the firm JKT. It was, I am told, a small retaining contract that Mr Smith's decorating company bid from Crudens. In February 1963, as you state, Mr Smith established another interest when his firm Cladan started work for Crudens, an interest which he did not declare at the time.

I myself did not know of either interest until the minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee in July 1962, and the minutes of the meeting which record the declaration were not available other than to the committee members. The fact that Mr Smith was able to deny any interest in Crudens at the July meeting of the Labour Group in 1963, a year after the declared interest, and five months after the start of the Cladan contract is surely evidence enough that Mr Smith's close colleagues were unaware of the position. In these circumstances it is all the more unlikely that I myself could have known of it.

In my extremely limited intervention in the Crudens affair I had one motive and one motive only: to help my constituents. Most people who do not know the area cannot possibly imagine the conditions in which most of my constituents were living in the early 1960s. Their housing was probably the worst slums in England; rotten, sinking houses often without windows, infested by rats, damp and decaying.

The final result of the long drawn out dispute over these contracts was that the resale of some hundreds of them was delayed for almost two years, the ultimate contract was more costly and the number of housing units was reduced by 19. I make no apology at my anger over this fiasco should have been ashamed that not to have been angry in these circumstances. I acted in perfectly good faith in the interests of my own people and I hope that I shall always do so.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD SHORT,
House of Commons,
May 9.

Role of the Navy in peace

From Mr M. B. F. Ranken
Sirs, In these days of accelerating retrenchment in our defence commitments it is indeed heartening to read today (May 9) that the Royal Navy's hydrographic survey vessels are extending their assistance and support of marine scientific research into sectors of knowledge vital in this country's potential self-sufficiency in energy resources.

But the fighting fleet itself, together with its many unique shore establishments, is the repository of much else in marine science, technology, engineering and above all seamanship (and armanship) of the sea, and it is a great pity that many of the many naval activities in the sea, oil and gas, sand and gravel, deep diving, recreation and the rest, these and revolutionary changes in maritime transport and world fisheries also bring with them many new commodities which other branches of government are increasingly unable to supply.

Surely the time is now ripe for these processes national assets to be redeployed as national activities for the benefit both of peaceful activities and defence preparedness. If at the same time new resources emerge for the fleet at sea in closer support of the civil power, this can only be in the benefit of the navy itself and of the country as a whole.

A corollary of this should of course be that more convenient procedures are devised whereby payment can be made for the facilities provided on a straight-forward commercial basis, now entrenched as the "Rothschild Principle".

Such payments received should help to offset the drastic cuts expected to follow the re-appraisal now in hand of our worldwide defence commitments. Substantial cuts, or the closure of any major establishments, could well prove irreversible, since expert teams of scientists and engineers once disbanded cannot readily be reconstructed and much past experience is inevitably lost.

Yours faithfully,
M. B. F. RANKEN,
3 Redlych Court,
70 Addison Road, W14,
May 6.

Hydrographic survey

From Rear Admiral Sir Edmund Irving
Sirs, I should be grateful if you would allow me a few words in amplification of the Hydrographer of the Navy's welcome letter (*The Times*, May 6) which discloses the Royal Navy's plans to undertake a comprehensive geographical survey of the United Kingdom continental shelf.

There are however, two further points mentioned in my letter of January 15, which call for urgent action. As I understand, the geographical survey will be drawn with a fairly broad brush which will be of limited value for hydrographic purposes, and no real progress is made of oceanographic research.

There are equally pressing reasons for a thorough hydrographic survey of our waters to improve the charts which are largely dependent on lead-line surveys of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Note is a great deal to be known of the physical properties of these waters despite the good work of our modern scientists.

To have to return to distant waters later on in order to fill in the close bathymetry and to obtain further information for the Oceanographer is a costly and relatively wasteful effort—and the delay will, of course, affect the eventual revision and publication of Admiralty charts.

Unless the Hydrographer is able to expand his resources (as I have advocated) in order to cope with these increasing needs, I propose that the hydrographic and oceanographic surveys are put out to contract under his supervision. Then, and only then, will the Hydrographer's work be shown to support the national economy and seaborne trade.

Yours faithfully,
E. G. IRVING,
Camer Green,
Meopham, Kent
May 9.

BBC documentary on the General Strike

From Mr Paul Rotha
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If your correspondence, Sir, has done something to alert the conscience of those producing historical compilation films for television, we all, the public, historians, archive curators and film-makers, will be glad of its publication.

Yours, etc.
PAUL ROTH,
140 North Drive,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire,
May 2.

Cup final hymn

From Mr Michael Hinde
Sirs, The recent Two Choirs Festival held at Wembley Stadium pinpointed the absurdity of one so-called "traditional" hymn on the programme. It was patently obvious that the choir were not interested in singing *Abbas* with me and, despite the efforts of their distinguished (and good-tempered) conductor, preferred their own folk music.

Is it not time to abandon this particular "tradition" which commands little or no respect and sadly depreciates the message of a Christian prayer?

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
MICHAEL HINDE,
Shoulders,
Hundred Acre Lane,
Westminster, Hants.,
Sussex,
May 2.

Railway electrification

From Dr C. A. C. Webster
Sirs, Over 50 years ago Sir Vincent Raven, then the Chief Mechanical Engineer of the North Eastern Railway, planned to electrify the main line between York and Newcastle, going so far as to build a prototype express passenger locomotive. These plans were abandoned on the formation of the LNER. One wonders if a further 50 years is to go by before the scheme is implemented.

Yours sincerely,
C. A. C. WEBSTER, Head, Department of Computer Science,
Teesside Polytechnic,
Middlesbrough, Teesside,
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Stranded in Portugal

From Julian Tennant
Sirs, Having at last returned from the south of Portugal with six children and two other adults at considerable cost, one can but say how sad one is at the lack of support given to British subjects by Britain today.

Last week in the south of Portugal were a number of British people, many with children, who had run out of money and accommodation. Despite many attempts to raise the money, they failed to contact either the British Consul, or the Vice-Consul, in the Algarve.

I did succeed in talking on the telephone to the British Ambassador in Lisbon; he assured me that he really was quite disturbed by the predicament that many people must be in, but was, in fact, as helpful as a dose of salts to a man dying from dysentery.

Had Her Majesty's Government sent out two or three aeroplanes to Faro airport, an easy enough thing to do, to pick up the stranded British subjects, there would have been no opposition. British people would have been greatly assisted and it might also have helped, in a small way, to destroy the feeling one senses too frequently when abroad that as Great Britain is now of no consequence it doesn't matter how the British are treated.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN TENNANT,
Moat House,
Great Easton,
Dunmow, Essex,
April 30.

For distressed taxpayers

From Mr D. F. Hellings
Sirs, I was with mixed feelings that I received this morning a familiar built envelope from the Inland Revenue at Worthing with the envelope franked "Distress—Despair! King the Samaritans!"

Yours faithfully,
D. F. HELLINGS,
Dulmage, Common House,
Fulmer,
Buckinghamshire,
May 9.

OBITUARY

Mr L. T. C. ROLT Transport historian

Mr L. T. C. Rolt, the transport historian, who died on Thursday at the age of 64, was a high reputation for his books... Mr L. T. C. Rolt was born in Chester on February 11, 1910, and educated at Cheltenham College.



COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACES May 10: The Duchess of Gloucester, on behalf of the Duke, President of the Royal Humane Society, was present at the Society's 200th Anniversary...

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

May 10: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy this afternoon attended a service in the thatched house lodge on the occasion of the reopening of the reconstructed Easter Wharf.

Life peerages

The life peerages conferred on Sir Robert Tynan and Sir Tufin Tynan have been announced by the names, styles and titles of Baron Tynan, of Upsall in the county of North Yorkshire, and Baron Coplewood, of Lewes in the county of East Sussex.

Birthdays today

Sir John Compton Miller, 74; Sir Percie Faulkner, 67; Sir Albert Kennedy, 68; Sir Norman Kipping, 73; Professor W. N. Medlicott, 74; Mrs Carola Oman, 77; Sir Norman Tomche, 80; Sir Montague Woods, 81; Sir W. R. B. Wright, 74; Professor N. Kaldor, 66; Sir David Lowe, 75; Sir Francis Mander, 83; Rear Admiral Sir Matthew Stansfeld, 75; Sir Robert Stanley, 75; Sir Charles Trinder, 68.

Science report

Botany: Plea for lilies of the field

The lily in its varied glory has long had a special place in human affections. Bot how much longer wild lilies will remain so will largely depend on whether they are adequately protected. In a recent issue of Biological Conservation, Dr F. S. C. Stoop van de Kastele, of the Nature Conservation Department, in the Netherlands, pleads for a proper inventory of the known wild species of lily and for more and better conservation of these plants.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. J. Burgess and Miss A. Evelyn: The engagement is announced between Christopher John, only son of Mr and Mrs Burgess of Lower Down, Bedfordshire, and Anne-Marie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Evelyn, of Kingstoo, Jamaica.

Today's engagements

Princess Anne attends the commissioning ceremony of HMS Amazon, Southampton docks, 10.35. Exhibition: Wedding dresses, the development of the white wedding dress during the past 200 years, Bethon Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, E. 10.6.

Tomorrow

Seventeenth and Eighteenth-Century Tavern, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30-6. Exhibition: The Maya, their art and culture, Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, 2.30-6.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Professor R. Cramp and Professor A. C. Reintsev to be new members of the Advisory Council on the National Monument Board for England.

Birthdays today

Sir John Compton Miller, 74; Sir Percie Faulkner, 67; Sir Albert Kennedy, 68; Sir Norman Kipping, 73; Professor W. N. Medlicott, 74; Mrs Carola Oman, 77; Sir Norman Tomche, 80; Sir Montague Woods, 81; Sir W. R. B. Wright, 74; Professor N. Kaldor, 66; Sir David Lowe, 75; Sir Francis Mander, 83; Rear Admiral Sir Matthew Stansfeld, 75; Sir Robert Stanley, 75; Sir Charles Trinder, 68.

The dangerous gulf between pulpit and pew

By the Rt Rev R. P. C. Hanson Professor of Theology, University of Manchester. Revolutions do not always erupt like volcanoes. Sometimes they erupt like earthquakes. The revolution in examining the records of the past which we call the discipline of historical study has been active steadily for the last 200 years, and has had quite as far-reaching an effect on the study of the Bible as on any other part of historical studies.

The matter is worse when we come to the New Testament, because a revolution in the treatment of the New Testament has taken place. This is not the revolution in examining the records of the past which we call the discipline of historical study. This is a revolution in the treatment of the New Testament.

For preachers and expositors. If you can convince yourself that Jesus really did go round Galilee and Jerusalem saying such things as 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'...

Interest in modern British paintings sets auction records for 11 artists

By Geraldine Norman Sale-Room Correspondent. The sale of modern British paintings at Christie's yesterday set auction records for 11 artists.

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Luncheon

Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Lord Goroovy-Roberts, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, presided at a luncheon held at Leinster House in honour of a parliamentary delegation from New Zealand.

Dinners

LONDON CRIMINAL COURTS SOLICITORS' ASSOCIATION. The London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association held its annual dinner at the Savoy Hotel last night.

Services tomorrow

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. St Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m. St Martin-in-the-Fields, 11 a.m. Westminster Abbey, 11 a.m.

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Appointment of Mr A. K. Fallot

Mr A. K. Fallot has been appointed as secretary of the Commonwealth and Caribbean Council for the year 1974.

Funeral

Funeral services for a prominent figure will be held at a church next week.

Memorial service

A memorial service is being held in honor of a notable individual.

Latest wills

The latest wills include estates of several prominent families, with details of beneficiaries and assets.

Funeral

Funeral arrangements for a notable personality are being finalized.

Memorial service

A memorial service is planned to honor a distinguished member of the community.

Latest wills

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Funeral

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Memorial service

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Peter Kyle Correspondent For the third day running, no leader emerged in the Pentagon tournament at Worthing...

his comrades with his fortnight Yorkshire comments. He is now in his element and retains his cheerful view of life...

As last year, Wilcock was so worried with his playing of all short holes that he had a nervous breakdown...

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Score, and Club. Includes names like J. A. Hudson, M. E. Groom, and J. H. Groom.

ermans masterpieces and ke command

In Sydney Friskin Ltd, May 10 England's hopes of reaching the final of the European Cup hockey tournament were extinguished here...

Terms

An iron man blows kisses to the crowd

reckoned this was one of his best matches. The only very talented' commented the bitterly disappointed Ashe, who was runner-up last year...

Football

Hughes leads redesigned England

By Geoffrey Green Football Correspondent The next week will see all our footballing eyes—already tired and all but crushed after a long, heavy season...

Motor racing

Lauda picks immaculate line in practice

Erwin John Hunsuda Nicholas, May 10 Niki Lauda, the winner of the Spanish Grand Prix last weekend...

Yachting

N Zealand for Admiral's Cup

A team of three boats from New Zealand is to compete for the first time for the Admiral's Cup at Cowes...

Rugby League

Warrington need Manchester pair to inspire them

Peter Fox, the coach of the Rugby League Challenge Cup holders, Warrington, has called his team to 'hit' Warrington hard and early in today's final at Wembley...

Real tennis

Manchester pair must be at their best today

The holders, Charles Swallow, a former amateur champion, and Norwood College, London, will meet Frank Willis and Christopher East, the Manchester pair, in the final of the British open real tennis championship...

Cycling

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Three other drivers will be competing in their second races if they manage to qualify their cars for one of the places on the 25-car starting grid...

Worcestershire v Kent

Warwick v Middlesex

Warwickshire's first innings was dominated by the bowling of the batsmen who were well served by the fielders...

Weekend TV

Table listing TV programs for the weekend, including International preview, European championships, and various sports events.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE Boston Red Sox vs New York Yankees (5:10 p.m.) Los Angeles Dodgers vs Houston Astros (7:10 p.m.)

Cambridge University v Gloucestershire

Gloucestershire bats Cambridge University in their first innings. First innings: 114 runs, 10 wickets in 40 overs.

Under-25 competition

CHESHIRE: 1st Innings: 1st Innings: 100 runs, 10 wickets in 40 overs.

Second XI competition

Worcestershire: 1st Innings: 1st Innings: 100 runs, 10 wickets in 40 overs.

Leicester v Indians

Leicestershire's first innings was dominated by the bowling of the batsmen who were well served by the fielders...

Today's football

Table listing football fixtures for today, including international matches and league games.

Yesterday's results

Table listing football results from yesterday, including international matches and league games.

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Just the right distance for Bustino

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

It is doubtful whether we in Eoglaod will see a better trial for the Derby than last Saturday's 2,000 Guineas. But that does not mean that races such as today's Ladbrooke Derby Trial Stakes at Lingfield Park are not of value. They all help to play a part in the piecing together of the intricate classic jigsaw puzzle.

The field this afternoon comprises Bustino, Snow Knight and Moon Hill, who finished first, second and fourth respectively in a similar race run at Sandown Park a fortnight ago. Live Arrow, who has already won over the hill Derby course this spring, held Choice, Hope of Holland and Sin Y Sin.

Snow Knight, so narrowly beaten by Giacomo in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster last September, was expected to win at Sandown but he was not an easy ride bawling the way that he did and went under in the end to Bustino beaten half a length. But he was giving the winner 5 lb. Today they will be the first time that the two colts meet theoretically, then, the advantage lies with Snow Knight but Bustino is preferred in the belief that he will be lightly raced. He will have improved enough in the meantime to keep his head in front.

Bustino is, as it might be suggested, by no means a sure thing of a mare by Douville, who has already had a colt who finished second in the Prix Royal Ouel, the French St Leger, and a pedigree like that Bustino ought to be in his element racing over a mile and a half as he will this afternoon for the first time. He has won the Ladbrooke Derby at Sandown when the distance of his race was only 10 furlongs.

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Blue Diamond best of six Derby colts

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, May 10

Six colts still holding the Derby engagement run in the £13,182 Prix Hocquart, at Longchamp tomorrow. Of them my selection, Blue Diamond, is the most likely to be at Epsom on June 5. Second in his only two races Blue Diamond is a half brother by Diatome, to Nymbio, who ran Rificcio to a length in the Prix du Jockey-Club three years ago. He should have won his last race, the Prix des Marronniers, run over this course and distance on April 21. His jockey, Bill Pevry, thought that he had won the straight. He eased Blue Diamond inside the final furlong, and was caught on the line by another of Diatome's sons, Guy de Rothschild's Sean, who finished second. Sean was half length behind Blue Diamond in the £27,300 Prix Daru on April 21. Kamarian, who had already won this year, was fifth, four lengths behind Sean, with Clavin further back. Poil de Chameau, beaten four lengths by Blue Diamond when he won the Prix Juigne, is also a runner.

At Evry, on April 24, Poil de Chameau was confidently ridden to beat Guertidan in a photo finish. Lesser flighty sides, French for Francois Boutin. The combination finished eighth in the Prix de Courcelles on Easter Monday, a race in which Valpolair was the winner.

The 56,364 Prix de Bagatelle has attracted Odessa, Alimma and Peace and Concord, all three of whom were involved in a close finish behind Lady Rebecca in the Prix Yveaud. The only one not to have had a previous race this year, Odessa finished well to be beaten a short neck with Alimma and Peace and Concord. Alimma is a confident selection.

Today the £13,636 Grand Prix D'Evry, a useful consolation prize for horses a little below top class. In this Prix de Bordeaux last November, Kalidar best Balompe by a length with the lightly weighted half a length behind in fourth place. Balompe has the best of the weights this time and should gain revenge. Kalidar and Alimma, winner of four of his last five races, are the dangers.

End of a seven year quest for Ann Moore

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Ann Moore and Paulin won the Merck, Sharp and Dohme so called women's national championship at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday—a title which has eluded them since they first filled it in 1967. Lady Fraser (formerly Aileen Ross) was runner-up with the only other closer runner, 1.3sec slower, on The Millions.

The rest of the day to the main arena was devoted to hacks, where Berlie Hill and Mrs Harry Hiddle found a novice of some considerable merit swatting them at 8.20 am in contrast to the dismal array of a year ago.

Singing Society, formerly ridden in jumping and combined training competitions by Mrs Jess Gifford, had the edge over the less successful horses. Now seven years old, he was ridden by Jane Bullen. Mrs Macmillan rode the six-year-old Scotch second place, and Jamie Loriston-Clarke was third on a most promising four-year-old small hack for Miss Betsy Proffman among other things. Mrs Macmillan Pease, by Commander out of the pony mare Prudence, he went well on his first appearance in the ring, and was also third in the open class for the Wembley winner, Daldorn Charlotte.

For the second year running, Robert Oliver and Young Apelles won the over 15 hand class and look like taking the title again. Heigham is a first time field for the first leg of the Barclays Bank International driving grand prix. At the end of the day, after the dressage and presentation and dressage, Britain were well in the lead, with Douglas Nicholson's team of chestnut geldings on at 39 points, followed by Mrs Frank Haydon's team of bay mares on 41, and Colonel John Miles in third place on 44 points.

Embustars dashed up the M4 in the afternoon for the annual general meeting of the Society, where the vexed question of the Society's ruling banning hobbled horses (those who have been operated on for any ailment) was discussed. The whole subject came under debate last night when the ex-chancellor, Princes Street, whose owner Vincent Toulson made no secret of his wish that the Society should have been hobbled, won the championship at all the leading shows and was sold to the South Essex firm



Rihoreen winning the Ladbrooke Oaks Trial, with Taylor up, from Thalassa, ridden by Kettle, at Lingfield Park yesterday.

of just how unpredictable fillyes are apt to be at this time of the year. The horse, which was the first filly, the much renowned half-sister to Blakeney and Morston, travelled to the course badly and ran just as indifferently in the Woodstone Plate which she was expected to win. Then Rihoreen ran away with the Ladbrooke Oaks Trial, in the final process, including Melancholy and Evening Venture, both of whom had beaten her decisively in the past.

Brian Taylor rode an enterprising race on Rihoreen, who spun round the course like a top and certainly handled the hill far better than her rivals. Taylor had already won the Godstone Plate on Rihoreen. He hoped to complete a double by winning the Woodstone Plate on Prehabis but well as this Sahib colt ran he was clearly no match in the end for Rihoreen, who was wearing blinkers for the first time.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park, Good. Atm: Good. Time: 1m 12.4s. Wind: 2000 to 10000 ft. Wind: Good to 1000 ft.

There were two perfect examples

Main races in France this weekend

GRAND PRIX D'EVRY (Group II): £13,636: 3yo colts and fillies: 1m

PRIX DE BAGATELLE (56,364): 3-yo fillies: 1m 2f

PRIX HOCQUART (Group II): £13,182: 3-yo colts and fillies: 1m

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Lingfield Park programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 and 3.00 races]

1.30 APPLELOSSOM STAKES (2-y-o: £591: 5f)

2.30 DERBY TRIAL STAKES (3-y-o: £778: 1m)

3.30 COSMOPOLITAN CUP HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,618: 1m)

4.30 WRAY STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £573: 5f)

4.40 FOUR ELMIS HANDICAP (£1,027: 1m)

5.30 BATNORS STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £544: 7f 140yds)

5.40 BATNORS STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £541: 7f 140yds)

Ayr programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

1.30 WILLS EMBASSY STAKES (2-y-o: £936: 5f)

2.0 CARRICK HANDICAP (5680: 1m 5f)

2.30 YELLOW PAGES HANDICAP (£3,446: 1m)

3.30 BELMONT HANDICAP (2785: 6f)

2.30 FRANCASAL STAKES (12-y-o: selling: £277: 5f)

3.30 BOX HANDICAP (5638: 2m 1f 25yds)

3.30 ANIONUT STAKES (12-y-o: £542: 7f)

Ripon programme

[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 TRIAL HANDICAP (3-y-o selling: 5479: 3m)

2.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (1,628: 6f)

2.45 R. W. ARMSTRONG-MEMORIAL CUP HANDICAP (1,996: 2m)

3.15 MICKLEY STAKES (5448: 1m)

3.45 RAINYON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £671: 1m 1f)

4.45 NEWBY AMATEUR STAKES (491: 1 m)

Bath programme

2.0 HAYWARDS WOMEN'S STAKES (1554: 1m)

3.30 ANIONUT STAKES (12-y-o: £542: 7f)

Ayr selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

3.0 HIRD FIGHTER, 3.30 Royal Prerogative, 3.30 Rock Signet, 4.0 Turnkey, 4.30 Natelytry.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Junylink, 2.30 Double Sensation, 3.0 Manteira, 4.0 Turnkey.

Lingfield Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.30 Querey, 2.0 Major Role, 2.30 BUSTINO is specially recommended, 3.0 Heavenly Form, 3.30 Mardinga, 4.0 Faddsworth, 4.30 Mounted Boy, 5.0 Rock Mint.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.30 Coming About, 2.0 Sovereign Palace, 2.30 Moon Hill, 3.0 Francasia, 3.30 Munninga, 4.30 Patch Avenue, 5.0 London Glory.

Bath selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Pee Mai, 2.30 Corner Try, 3.0 Bella Figura, 3.30 Flame Bird, 4.0 Hopeful Quaker, 4.30 Dismaulle, 5.0 Muckurr.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

4.0 Laxay, 4.30 Manipulation.

Market Rasen NH programme

1.30 WELAND HURDLE Handicap: 12-14

1.45 HUNMER FURDLE Handicap: 6-8

2.00 WELAND HURDLE Handicap: 12-14

2.15 HUNMER FURDLE Handicap: 6-8

Results at two evening meetings

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Lloyds Bank pioneers base rate cut to 12 pc as spur to industrial borrowers

In a move which has surprised many observers... Lloyds Bank has announced a further reduction to 12 per cent...

The base rate reduction does not appear to have been prompted by the new penalties to be applied by the Bank of England...

Lloyds' move does, however, follow hard on Barclays' decision to reduce the cost of banking for its corporate customers...

Decision on monetary reform again deferred

Reform of the international monetary system now depends on the outcome of the ministerial meeting of the International Monetary Fund's Committee of 20...

Norwegian government decides in favour of piping Frigg gas to UK

By Roger Vielvoxe Energy Correspondent Big new supplies of natural gas should become available to British industry by the end of this decade...

By Terry Byland The new Stock Exchange building in the City of London has been professionally valued at £88.8m...

By Arthur Reed Middle East Airlines are still interested in Concorde, but before taking any decision they will wait the experience of British Airways and Air France...



Mr J. D. Pile, Sir John Partridge's successor

Mr J. D. Pile to head Imperial Group board

As forbadowad at the annual meeting, Sir John Partridge retires as chairman of the Imperial Group next March...

Mr Shultz predicts firmer dollar and expansion in real US growth

Frank Vogel Springs, Virginia, May 10 George Shultz, who has retired as Secretary of the treasury, forecast today that the dollar would gain in strength...

Mr Shultz said the council that the first quarter year was the worst, that growth in the second quarter was likely to be about flat...

He would not give specific exchange rates, but noted that the dollar would be higher in December than it was now...

Maplin seaport seen as benefit to environment

By Michael Baily Shipping Correspondent The first hint that the Maplin seaport project might have to be justified on environmental rather than economic grounds...

SE building upvalued at almost £90m

By Terry Byland The new figure is nearly £4m higher than the value placed on the Commercial Union's London headquarters...

Middle East Airlines keep open mind on Concorde

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Metal Box wins third price increase

Metal Box announced last night that the Price Commission had authorized its third and largest round of price rises this year...

Nixon homes boost

President Nixon yesterday announced steps to inject \$10,500m (about £4,291m)—most of it in private funds—into the housing market before the end of the year to make home loans easier to get.

Motorola rejects bid

Motorola Incorporated yesterday advised Zenith Radio Corporation, which offered to negotiate to acquire two Motorola television set plants, that "discussions for the purchase of these facilities would not be productive."

US Ford on full time

Ford is planning full operation at its United States plants during the rest of this month and will recall 1,200 workers.

Wall St down 15.33

A fresh rise in bank prime rates hit shares throughout the list on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was 15.33 lower at 850.44 at the close.

Bank chief aware of 'g stagging operations'

Bank manager said at the Criminal Court yesterday that he knew quite well one of his customers was engaged in large-scale 'stagging' operations between April and July, 1972.

Cosmex will go ahead with mini-steelworks

The plan by Cosmex, a Swiss trading corporation, to build a mini-steelworks at Newport in Monmouthshire is to go ahead despite the Government's refusal at present to consider an application for an Industrial Development Certificate.

Employers press for revision of weighting bonus

By Malcolm Brown The industry is pressing on the Government to amend the Pay Code to allow employers to pool the London weighting allowance.

Heavy buying surge boosts bond market

By Business News Staff Government bond prices rose sharply on the London stock exchange yesterday in the face of further heavy buying.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 121.06 +1.20 F.T. index: 307.2 +4.7

Strike-breaking in secret' claimed

By Clifford Webb Engineering union members on strike at a Birmingham company for the past two months yesterday introduced 24-hour picketing to stop a secret strike-breaking initiative.

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BSC ended contract so oil firm had to re-use pipe

An oil company operating in the North Sea is being compelled to extract drilling pipe from boreholes and use it again—a very expensive process—because the British Steel Corporation recently unilaterally cancelled its contract with it.

How the markets moved

Table with columns for Rises, Falls, and Commodities. Lists various stocks and their price changes.

THE POUND

Table listing exchange rates for various countries including Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia.

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Lloyds Bank Base Rate

Lloyds Bank announces that with effect from Monday, 13 May, 1974 its Base Rate for lending will be reduced from 12 1/2% to 12%.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

For the past decade or more, there has been widespread agreement that the arrangements in this country for financial provision for old people are unsatisfactory. Too many people have to rely on supplementary benefits. Whatever emphasis is put on entitlement as of right to such benefits, anything which has to be applied for, and is paid only if need is shown, will go only part way to meeting the problem.

Motor insurance

Figuring out premiums

Deciding on the premiums to be paid by individual motorists used to be a very rough and ready affair. Among the factors taken into account by motor insurers were the type of car, its value, where it was garaged, and the use to which it would be put.



Motor insurers used to increase the premium for cars which were more than, say, five years old. The latest statistics show they were wrong.

In most cases, the value of a car which is insured is no longer an important factor on its own, since an allowance for this is made in the premium applicable to the type of car. But many other factors have been introduced in the attempt to make sure that the overall premium from individual groups of motorists is correct.

The whole object of insurance is to spread the load of those who make claims over those who do not, and so it is impossible to give a car a dual rating. But the claims experience of different types of motorist does differ quite materially and insurers are anxious that, so far as possible, one group should not subsidize another. Thus many refinements are being introduced into the calculations of premiums.

For instance, the age of the car can be important. Taking all cars, irrespective of why and where they may be driven, one analysis has shown that the claim frequency per 100 vehicle years is 13.4 for comprehensive policies (ie, third party or third party, fire and theft).

For cars less than a year old, the respective figures are 15.9 and 12.1. For comprehensive policies, the claim frequency drops steadily with the age of the car—13.7 for cars one year old, 15.4 for two-year-old cars, 14.7 for those three or four years old, down to 8.8 for those five to 12 years and 5.3 for those in the 13-18 age bracket.

While, marginally, older cars may produce fewer claims because they are older (ie, a lower figure will have to be paid in the event of total loss), in the main older cars do not produce fewer claims simply because the cars are older.

For instance, old cars are found more frequently in country areas where there are fewer accidents. Probably more important than this is the simple fact that most old cars are used less than new cars.

Someone with a high mileage (and a greater chance of being involved in an accident) will need a fairly new car, whereas old cars tend to be owned by those who cannot afford (or are not inclined) to run them with great extravagance, and so there is less risk of an accident.

On the other hand, young people often own old cars. And, as is well known, young drivers with little experience are a distinctly poor risk. So there are plenty of factors to be taken into consideration.

One cannot, however, get away from the fact that in general terms the older the car the better the risk is likely to be. To the past, insurers used to increase the premium for cars which were more than, say, five years old. The latest statistics show they were wrong and that, ideally, the average premium should be charged for cars which are four or five years old—more being charged for newer cars and less for older ones.

I have mentioned the age of drivers and, although not all young drivers run into trouble, as a whole the young do not move up the no-claim discount scale as quickly as more mature people. In view of this, some insurers are reviewing the practice of cancelling the extra premium payable by a young driver when he has moved into a higher no-claim discount category, or the highest.

Their argument is that not only are young policy holders, as a whole, receiving more reward than their experience seems to warrant, but also they are probably not being rated up sufficiently for their age.

John Drummond

Investment trusts

Letting a computer do the agonizing

One irate reader, clearly finding time on his hands during the three-day week to lament his investment losses, wrote to us that the management of the investment trust in which he was invested (and had lost half his money in the space of 18 months) would be far better employed down a coal mine. Others have suggested that their investment managers be supplied with pins to pick shares, but none has yet written to suggest that the investment manager should be replaced by a computer.

But that is what has very nearly happened to the investment managers of Cumulus Investment Trust. In fact, the Kleinwort Benson investment department which was originally responsible for managing the fund on the basis of the collective wisdom of its investment department (and, doubtless, that of many stockbrokers' research departments) is now little more than an investment administrator of the fund. And much the same goes for the directors of the trust. The real master is a computer in Nottingham.

Once a week—every Thursday morning to be precise—the Nottingham computer carries up a print-out of the best buys and best sells, among 4,000 of the world's leading quoted companies. The recommendations are briefly discussed by the board and the Kleinwort investment department. Then the week's investment policy is put into train as quickly as possible.

TAC, or Technical Analysis by Computer, is the brainchild of George Coggan—a quietly spoken as one would expect of a former full-time member of

the engineering faculty of Nottingham University, yet as elegantly turned out as the most impressive, cigar-smoking City gent. He developed his ideas in the late sixties and hawked them around the City without much success until he attracted the attention of John Smith, the Cumulus chairman who, in 1970, had just decided to give up his parliamentary seat as member for Westminster and the City.

TAC went live in July, 1970, with a weekly service based on 600 London quotations, the service being provided to Cumulus and a number of other investors including the Ahecus unit trust stable. Since then the system has been expanded, culminating in last summer's introduction of the TAC world programme. This example of this has been the computer's continuing recommendation of selected gold shares without being aware of the coup in Portugal. A second is that the system could demand a rate of portfolio turnover higher than the Inland Revenue may be prepared to accept for an investment trust. Another is that the computer is still not fully programmed in the marketability of certain shares, simply because

the exact formula on which the computer bases its recommendations remains hidden safely within it, away from the eyes of prying outsiders, but the principles on which the formula is based are those of the technical analyst. In other words, the approach is to that of the chartist, that the analyst who bases his approach on the study of an economy, then an industry in that economy and, finally, a company within that industry.

In short, the system is based on price rather than value analysis. Within that framework, the most important single elements are the long and short term price trends of a share relative to other shares and, equally important, the timing of the market. When it comes to making recommendations, the computer takes account of currency movements, marketability and the tax position. Soon it is hoped to be able to



Maxwell Noton, John Smith (chairman), and George Coggan, of Cumulus Investment Trust.

expand the programme still further. An elaborate switching system for short-dated gilts has been devised by Dr Maxwell Noton, another engineering academic but this time from the University of Waterloo, Canada, although Cumulus itself is too small to make the best use of the new scheme.

So what are the drawbacks to the system? One is that the computer obviously cannot be aware of political change. Once recent example of this has been the computer's continuing recommendation of selected gold shares without being aware of the coup in Portugal. A second is that the system could demand a rate of portfolio turnover higher than the Inland Revenue may be prepared to accept for an investment trust. Another is that the computer is still not fully programmed in the marketability of certain shares, simply because

the shares have not yet appeared on the buy list and the management have not had to test the market in them. More important, though, how successful has the system proved? Well, to date, the computer has outperformed the FT All-Share Index in 13 out of the last 14 quarter years, with an average gain relative to the index of some 23 per cent a quarter. The latest half-yearly report, out last Thursday, makes impressive reading too, with net assets at the end of March down by only 12 per cent on a year ago against an index fall over the same period of 33 per cent.

What has the computer advised to obtain the kind of performance that has been achieved? Certainly, its decision to go heavily for United States shares last autumn has not worked out so well as it might have. But it seems to have done better in advising the reduction

of the trust's United Kingdom holdings to two—the main being Albright & Wilson. First, it has done well on shares, correctly spotted by the market as the only promising Euro market and, equally correct, turned some 45 per cent of fund into cash or near cash.

The surprise, then, is the shares of Cumulus itself have not been top performers. They have underperformed the investment trust sector by nearly five per cent over the last year, and recently stand at a near 21 cent discount to net asset value, though, as John Smith explains, the computer has lost more slowly than almost so else. One explanation, perhaps, is that the computer is likely to fulfil the camp criteria for marketability. John Whitem

Unit trusts

European industry takes shape

The European Federation of Investment Funds has been set up into existence at the beginning of the week. Its members are the British Association of Unit Trust Managers and its counterparts in Belgium, France and West Germany; associate membership has been granted to key fund groups in Denmark, Holland, Italy, Ireland and Luxembourg in the absence of national associations in those countries.

The objective of the new Federation is two-fold: it is primarily for the protection of shareholders and the good name of the industry; its other aim is to provide a representative body to deal with the EEC committee which currently have mutual fund issues under inspection. For the time being, this latter role will be prominent.

At the moment, the EEC has two committees sitting on mutual funds. One is looking at prospectus requirements and the other at the harmonization of mutual fund law. Only the British delegation fielded someone from the industry—Norman

European industry takes shape

Miller, director of the Sare and Procter group—into these particular gatherings of Euro-civil servants. It was this splendid, and worrying, isolation of Miller which led him to canvass for the setting-up of the Federation. His 18-month sojourn in Brussels had led to the conclusion that the committees were quite likely to come up with proposals "which would not be bought by the industry".

He felt that an official body which could be consulted before the final directives were issued would prevent suggestions such as the one that the management group of each individual fund should be capitalized at £400,000 from proceeding much further.

When the two committees first met it was clear that they were operating under the shadow of the 1974 debacle. Over the last nine months or so, says Miller, there has been a welcome change. "The commission is taking a less doctrinaire view now and accepting that there are certain provisions which one cannot legislate for."

This change of attitude is welcome news for the mutual fund industry, and in particular the British unit trust industry. It means that "equivalence" rather than strict "harmonization" is likely to be the order of the day. And in view of the industry's many divergent practices, in particular the actual legal concept of a trust (a peculiarly British animal) means that much more is likely to be accomplished and more quickly.

If the equivalence of mutual fund law is accepted rather than harmonization it would be based on the Commission laying down certain minimum requirements of all national laws. But it would not outlaw the individual requirements of those laws over and above the basic minimum requirements.

If and when the full freedom for the movement of capital in the EEC is permitted, what this would mean in practice is that German mutual funds, French savacs etc could all be sold in this country and, of course, that

British unit trusts could be marketed as well as sold in a other EEC countries. In the meantime the minimum requirements are hammered out. These are to include levels of disclosure including any conflict of interest (ie do the directors interest in the shares in underlying portfolios, amount of assets to be in any one company, the percentage of a company's shares to be held, all changes, and the independence of the management party.

There has already been interest expressed in the Federation from tax-based funds and Am mutual funds. Ultimately could be drawn in—but their long term objective, particularly as regards the fund of funds, will underlie the ever, the creation of a national federation would worthwhile goal.

Margaret St.



Norman Miller: Federation's two-fold objective

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

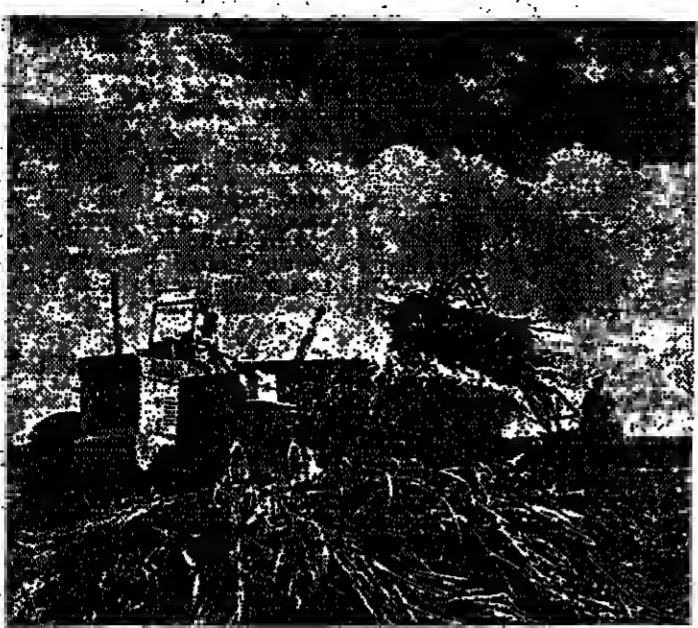
A large table with multiple columns listing various financial products, their values, and other details. The table is organized into sections for Authorized Unit Trusts, Insurance, and Offshore Funds. It includes sub-sections like 'Authorized Unit Trusts', 'Insurance', and 'Offshore and International Funds'. Each entry typically lists the name of the fund or insurance policy, its value, and other relevant financial data.

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investor's week

Retrenchment • Sugar shares

Strong gilts and steady shares... The FT Index finishing only unchanged on the week...



Harvesting cane sugar.

It is only second to Tate & Lyle in market performance... The volume of two months ago...

Year should increase from £4.09m to something over £5m... Sugar contributed less than 10 per cent of earnings last year...

100,000 tons of sugar from Government emergency stockpiles... The shortage helped the Commonwealth producers...

On the cane sugar side, adverse weather conditions last year in the Caribbean area led to a serious shortfall in supplies...

The expectation that United Kingdom imports of cane sugar will be some 20 per cent below the 1.7 million ton target has in part been responsible for the drawing of around

Finance Bill

Welcome change of heart

It is clear that the final version of the Finance Bill... The Finance Bill is a landmark measure...

Taxation: capital gains

More than mere chattels

The term 'tangible movable property' frequently crops up in capital gains tax law... It is the lawyer's language for a chattel...



Hollywood

"I'll have you know, young man, that you are looking at a Modigliani, not at a 'tangible, movable property'!"... The alternative way, if it gives a lower liability...

Unit trust performance

Table with columns for Unit Trust Name, Growth, and Specialized Funds. Includes entries like Cedar Overseas, Vav Oil & Nat, Vav Finance, etc.

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Leboff scrip after peak year

On top of a peak trading year, and with more acquisitions in the wind, the S. Leboff (Fobel) do-it-yourself group is proposing a one-for-five scrip issue...

Aberdeen Cons profit drops to six-year low

Although turnover of Aberdeen Construction reached record levels in 1973, group profits were severely cut back...

JW Pickles returns heavy loss

J. W. Pickles, the Yorkshire-based paint and household goods distributor which went public in October, 1972, suffered a sharp deterioration in the second half of last year...

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By David Mott Sheffield-based steel group Samuel Osborn is looking to raise its profits this year to £1.7m...

Liberty looks to exports this year

Along with other retail groups, the profits outlook for Liberty, the London store, in 1974 looks pretty bleak...

Wimpey takes confident view of future

Builders George Wimpey are in a "very healthy position" and Mr R. Gane told his first meeting as chairman...

Wilmot Breeden

Chairman says overseas operations kept group profitable for first quarter which included three-day working...

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Base rate cut gives further impetus to gilts

Gilt edged prices yesterday continued their steady advance, helped considerably by the Lloyds Bank cut in base rate. Prices were marked up from the outset and buyers were immediately in evidence. The tap stocks were in keen demand and the Government Broker appears to have steadily supplied the market with fresh stock.

"Shorts" opened 1/2 point above overnight levels, and then strengthened further, besting only briefly ahead of the weekly Treasury bill tender result. In spite of the disclosure that the minimum lending rate was unchanged and the news of fresh rises in United States prime rates, prices closed near the day's best levels, with rises of up to 3/4 point.

"Longs" and "mediums" experienced a similar pattern, rising in 1/2 point jumps to close at the top of the market, with gains commonly of 1/2 point, but occasionally displaying even 3/4 point rises.

The market generally has been surprised at the continuing strength of the movement in gilts over the past two weeks, and remains profoundly suspicious about the inherent strength of the present position.

Corporation stocks rose 1/2 point, and good demand for the new "farmers" loan pushed the price up 1/2 point to 2 1/2 point premium.

The last day of the trading account brought a further improvement in share prices. Industrial shares continued to move up strongly behind the gilt-edged

market, with the base rate cut from Lloyds Bank fueling hopes of lower interest rates in the United Kingdom. But City investors remained unconvicted of the prospects for lower rates while world rates continue rising, and turnover in equities was thin by bull market standards.

Yesterday's recorded bargains totalled 6,888, while amplified figures for Thursday disclose that equity trading by value was worth £53.5m—no great figure even by recent standards.

The absence of a cut in Minimum Lending Rate, or indeed in base rates from other major banks, took some of the steam out of the rise in share prices. Some major stocks closed below their best levels.

Thus, ICL, Sp up at 230p had touched 231p in Centraloids, 4p up at 107p had been to 208p, Beecham (224p) and Unilever (299p) had similar fortunes.

Heavy engineering issues ex-

tended their recovery from the shock administered by the spectra of another strike in the industry. Vickers were outstandingly low, after the chairman's report on trading progress while press suggestions that Wms Hudson might soon be able to take a profit on its 24 per cent stake in Vickers lifted the Wms Hudson share price.

ELM (12p) held unchanged while GKN (187p) and Reynolds (73p) found supporters. Among the internationals, Reed International were in demand ahead of the profits announcement expected within the next account. The shares added 10p to 236p.

Lord Balogh's prediction of profits from North Sea oil continued to boost shares with interests in this sector. Thomson Org (189p) put on a further few pence. Berry Wiggins were in demand.

But consumer stocks had a fairly quiet day, and were looking mixed at the close. Press comment on the trading results were good for a few pence on the share price of Mothercare, Boots (187p) added 2p, while Marks & Spencer (160p) lost a similar amount.

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Latest dividends

Company (all values in pence unless stated)	Ord (dividend)	Year	Pay date	Year's Prev (total)	Year's Prev (per share)
Aberdeen Cos Gp (25p) Fin 3.16	3.16	28.6	5.25		
Bainbridge Bros (10p) Fin 1.3	1.3	3.7	2.05		
Devenports Brew (25p) Int 0.8	0.8	1.7	26.16	3.12	1.25
Forenza (20p) Fin 1.6	1.6	2.7	1.25		
Herman Smith (10p) Int 0.34	0.34	14.6	0.32		
S. Leiboff (Foil) (10p) Fin 0.76	0.76		1.34	1.28	
Mentmore Mfg (5p) Fin 0.88	0.88		1.21	0.95	
Samuel Whitbread (10p) Fin 1.25	1.25		4.27	1.25	
Randalls Group (25p) Fin 3.23	3.23	9.6	5.23	4.98	
Rotork (10p) Fin 0.7	0.7	25.6	1.3	1.24	
Woolsey-Hughes (25p) Int 2.75	2.75	7.7		5.77	

Adjusted for scrip. † For 13 months. ‡ Subject to Treasury consent.

Bids & deals

HERMAN SMITH In 28 weeks to January 12 pre-tax profits (£13,000) recorded had been recovered in respect of Rolls-Royce of £56,585, better tax.

BARTLEY BAIRD

Group incurred trading loss of £50,000 (£7,000 profit) and net loss of £65,000 (profit £65,000). The material shortages in plastics division prime cause of loss and no change in profitability expected for full year.

MILFORD DOCKS

Group's 1973 profits £53,000 (£42,000); accumulated profits £57,000 (loss £20,000). Overdraft cut to £15,000 from £120,000.

PRU STAKES IN LAIRD, KEYSER

Prudential Assurance reveals that it holds 10.2 per cent of Laird Group's equity and that it has stepped up its stake in Keyser Ultram from around 12.68 to 13.05 per cent.

THOMAS TITLING

Confidence in long-term prospects undiminished. Board is determined to widen geographical spread of investments.

BROKERS MERGER

Gedderwick, Borthwick and Grunbur Sec. subject to Stock Exchange Council approval, are merging businesses from June 24, and will run as Gedderwick Borthwick Grunbur & Co.

Nest Industries whose earnings last year were worth around £1m on an annual basis to Yukon. Lumber prices dominate profits, but one can look ahead to 1977 to the first payments of the £24m of royalties as a result of the sale of coal deposits and the possible development of the 45 million tons of coal reserves—this, of course, depending on EC taxation.

Botswana RST

Shares in Botswana RST fell 30p to 190p yesterday after the announcement of production difficulties at the Selebi-Pikwe nickel-copper mine.

Although production started on time at the end of last year, technical problems at the surface plant led to significant delays in shipping matter so that income has dropped appreciably below expectations.

In the 1972 annual report, Mr R. H. Page, chairman, said that the project was £14m above the estimate at the time of the rights issue. This cost escalation has now risen to £28m, with another £15m possibly being required with a large proportion being funded long-term as a rights issue to shareholders.

ending virtually unchanged on the day.

Bundesbank support, totalling \$4,530,000, for the United States to help finance its deficit, and possible Federal reserve intervention to raise its currency in New York overnight, could have helped stocks.

Higher Eurodollar time deposit interest rates, which reached 12 per cent (as First National City Bank put a bid for a new bid) to the 1 1/2 per cent for the United States prime rate) also helped the dollar. Earlier, the gathering pressure in United States political circles for the resignation of President Nixon had been an unsettling influence, dealer's orders net, to close at \$24.90. The "effective rate" moved from 17.40 to 17.43 per cent.

Gold rose \$1.25 an ounce, to \$167.25.

Discount houses busy

London money markets had a fairly busy session yesterday, characterized by the early announcement of a base rate cut from 12 1/2 to 12 per cent by Lloyds Bank. However, the initial announcement was later dampened when the outlook for cheaper money in Britain became more wary as American prime rates rose on 15 pence to a new peak of 11 1/2 per cent.

For the discount market, it was another day when the market indicated a credit shortage, but when in the event, it failed to materialize. The picture was patchy at times, but generally, bills were pulled steadily back from the early 1 1/2 per cent to close at 9 per cent.

In market's favour were an excess of Exchequer disbursements over revenue receipts and a further trickle of money into the building society coffers from First 1100m loan put up by the Government.

Money Market Rates

Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Bank of England 9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
London interbank 11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Prime bank bills (90 days)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Backward Govt bonds	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

Treasury Bill Rates

Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
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Local Authority Rates

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12 months 15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2

Local Authority Markets

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1 month 13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

First Class Finance Rates (Min. Rate 9 1/2)

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Applications for new shares

Company	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Bank of America	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Bank of Canada	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Bank of India	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

Recent Issues

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Bank of America	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
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Bank of India	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

Wall Street

New York shares fall sharply

New York, May 10.—Another increase in the bank prime rate pushed shares lower throughout the day. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 15.33 points to 850.44. About 990 issues declined, while only 130 stocks rose.

Trading was moderate—volume totalled 15,270,000 shares, compared with 14,710,000 shares on Thursday. An increase of a quarter of a point in the bank prime rate to a new record of 11 1/2 per cent by First National City Bank cut New York stocks quickly

among the major banks. Analysts said the continuing upward pressure of short-term rates could lead to further gains, possibly early in June.

In bank issues, Citicorp fell 5/8 to 56 1/2. Chase Manhattan, Citicorp's parent, fell 3/4 to \$45.45, off \$44. J. P. Morgan, 53 1/2, down 1/4, and Manufacturers Hanover 53 1/2, off 54 1/2.

On the over-the-counter market, Franklin National fell 5/8 to \$8 1/2 bid after trading as high today as \$11 1/2 bid. The bank said its management would recommend that the directors declare the regular common and preferred dividends.

The banking analyst said it was the first time in recent history that a major banking concern decided to omit dividends.

Last month, the bank reported a net loss of \$10 million in the first quarter earnings, due largely to heavy losses in its trading account as a result of municipal and Federal securities.—A.P. Dow Jones.

Results

Randalls soar above forecast to £633,000

Set against a forecast of £500,000 for last year, profits of Randalls Group, distributors to the building, engineering and electrical industries, soared 81 per cent to a best-ever £633,000 pre-tax. Sales reached £14.5m (£14.4m).

After a tax charge almost trebled to £320,000 the "net" was £301,000 (£205,000), and earnings a share 13.4p (10.17p).

The total dividend is raised from 4.98p to 5.22p.

Mentmore Mfg

A shortage of labour and the consequent inability to meet demand meant that taxable profits of Mentmore Manufacturing fell to £513,000 in the 13 months to January 31, against £508,000 in the previous year. Also the share price climbed from £4.26m to £5.88m, while taxable profits go ahead from £204,000 to £386,000. Earnings a share are 6.4p (3.3p). The result is in line with expectations at half time, when profits recovered from £53,000 to £156,000, and a similar performance was promised for the second lap.

Davenport's Brewery

Following last year's peak profit of £1.03m, Davenport's Brewery (Holdings), (Birmingham based) has increased its interim pre-tax profits from £469,000 to £477,000. Turnover is not given, but the board says the result is reasonably satisfactory considering the current inflationary trends and general economic climate. The volume of sales has increased, but the three-day week affected the "beer at home" sector, where higher distribution costs are being experienced.

On net profits down from £274,000 to £224,000, the dividend is held at 0.87p.

James Beattie

Profits before tax at the James Beattie department stores group have maintained a steady growth rate with a rise from £1.22m to £1.46m on turnover of £13.65m, against £1.14m. The net, however, goes down from £728,000 to £683,000 after taxes including a deferred charge of £215,000 for the previous year. Dividend is 26.16p (25.16p).

BAINBRIDGE BROS

On turnover up from £394,000 to £550,000, taxable profits are £111,000 (£85,000). Earnings a share, 4.98p (3.59p) and dividend 2.05p (2p).

FORTNUM & MASON

On turnover up from £473,000 to £547,000, taxable profits are £111,000 (£85,000). Earnings a share, 4.98p (3.59p) and dividend 2.05p (2p).

DNA "NO" TO AVIS

DNA Corp said in Philadelphia that it has decided not to acquire outstanding 52 per cent shares of Avis International Truck Rental Corp. Avis chairman said: "Avis does not fit with the basic plans for our insurance business."

Francis Industries

Profits for year look more encouraging after six weeks ago, and outlook encouraging.

METTOS

Chairman in annual report said experience of last few months had led to a more sober assessment of prospects for 1974. These were

The Times Share Indices

Index	Price	Change	Index	Price	Change
All-Share	850.44	-15.33	Small Cap	112.12	-1.12
Industrial	850.44	-15.33	Financial	112.12	-1.12
Commercial	850.44	-15.33	Government	112.12	-1.12

Further drop in Reuters index

Reuters commodity index fell another 8.1 yesterday making a drop of 26.2 on the week to 1,374.1. The index fell 10.5 on April 30, the index is 105.6 below the year's high reached on February 7.

The biggest losses were in non-ferrous metals, with zinc losing 6.88 on the week to £780 a tonne (on the settlement price) white spot cocoa and sugar. This follows the week's index of 105.6 below the year's high reached on February 7.

Cocoa futures plunge

Waves of stale bill liquidation hit London cocoa futures yesterday and prices fell sharply. At a weak close losses ranged between 125.25 to distant May to £47.50 on the London market. Futures prices later were 25p to £10 higher, but the latter position has plunged 125.25 a tonne since it reached its traded high of £1,050 only last Monday.

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NY cocoa at limit-down

Cocoa futures in NY continued to fall sharply yesterday, with prices falling 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents to 50.75 to 51.25 cents. The market is now 1 1/2 cents below the limit.

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Canadian Prices

Commodity	Price	Change	Commodity	Price	Change
Wheat	1.15	0.01	Soybeans	1.15	0.01
Corn	1.15	0.01	Cattle	1.15	0.01
Pork	1.15	0.01	Pigs	1.15	0.01

Issues & Loans

Stigwood plans US listing

The Robert Stigwood Group is studying the possibility of applying for a quotation on one of the United States' stock exchanges, probably the American Stock Exchange.

London and Regional Market Prices

Gilts rise again

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